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Butler-sama's Favorite

Volume 7

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執事様のお気に入り Story & Characters

Himura Ryou
A second-year student of Class L. The self-paced commoner heroine. Even Hakuou acknowledges the cake-making skills she learned from her mother.
Kanzawa Hakuou
A second-year student of Class B and Ryou's exclusive butler. Though a scion of the distinguished Kanzawa group, he chose the merit-based Class B. He loves sweets but dislikes vegetables!

Check!!

At Souseikan Academy, which Ryou and others attend, there are two courses: "Class L" (Lord & Lady), which stresses pedigree and wealth, and "Class B" (Butler), for the purpose of training butlers.

"Class B" is all male and comprises one class per grade. It's an ultra-elite course that gathers young men accomplished in both literary and martial arts, and cultivates their character through intense training in order to make them excellent butlers!

And that's because Class L and Class B students can also enter into an exclusive master-butler agreement while in school. ♥

A third-year student of class B. His family serves the Kanzawa family, and Iori has served Hakuou since childhood. He is soft-spoken but has a dark side!?

A third-year student of class B. He is a rival of Iori and, like Iori, has been with Hakuou since childhood. He is a hot-blooded young man whose forte is contests of physical strength. He is also simple!?

A second-year student of class L and a close friend of Ryou. The daughter of an aristocratic family, she's an information expert and has a butler fetish ♥. Her enthusiasm is such that she publishes "Black Swallow Illustrated News Magazine," an information magazine about class B students.

A second-year student of class B. The committee chairman of the autonomous class ※, he's so calm and collected that he's called "butler Cyborg." He's at loggerheads with Hakuou!

Story

After losing both parents, Ryou was taken in by her grandparents, who come from a once-illustrious family. She now attends Souseikan Academy, a highly prestigious high school. Soon after her admission, Ryou becomes friends with Hakuou, who attends class B in order to hone his abilities despite coming from a distinguished family. Hakuou didn't feel like becoming attached to anyone, but he entered into an exclusive agreement with Ryou to help her out of a pinch when her parents were insulted and she was forced to take part in a bet to look for an exclusive butler.

Though Ryou is bewildered by her unexpected lifestyle as a lady, Hakuou helps her out perfectly, from exams to dressing up ♥. The campus life with Butler-sama in constant attendance. Well then, this time, what sort of events await her ...!?

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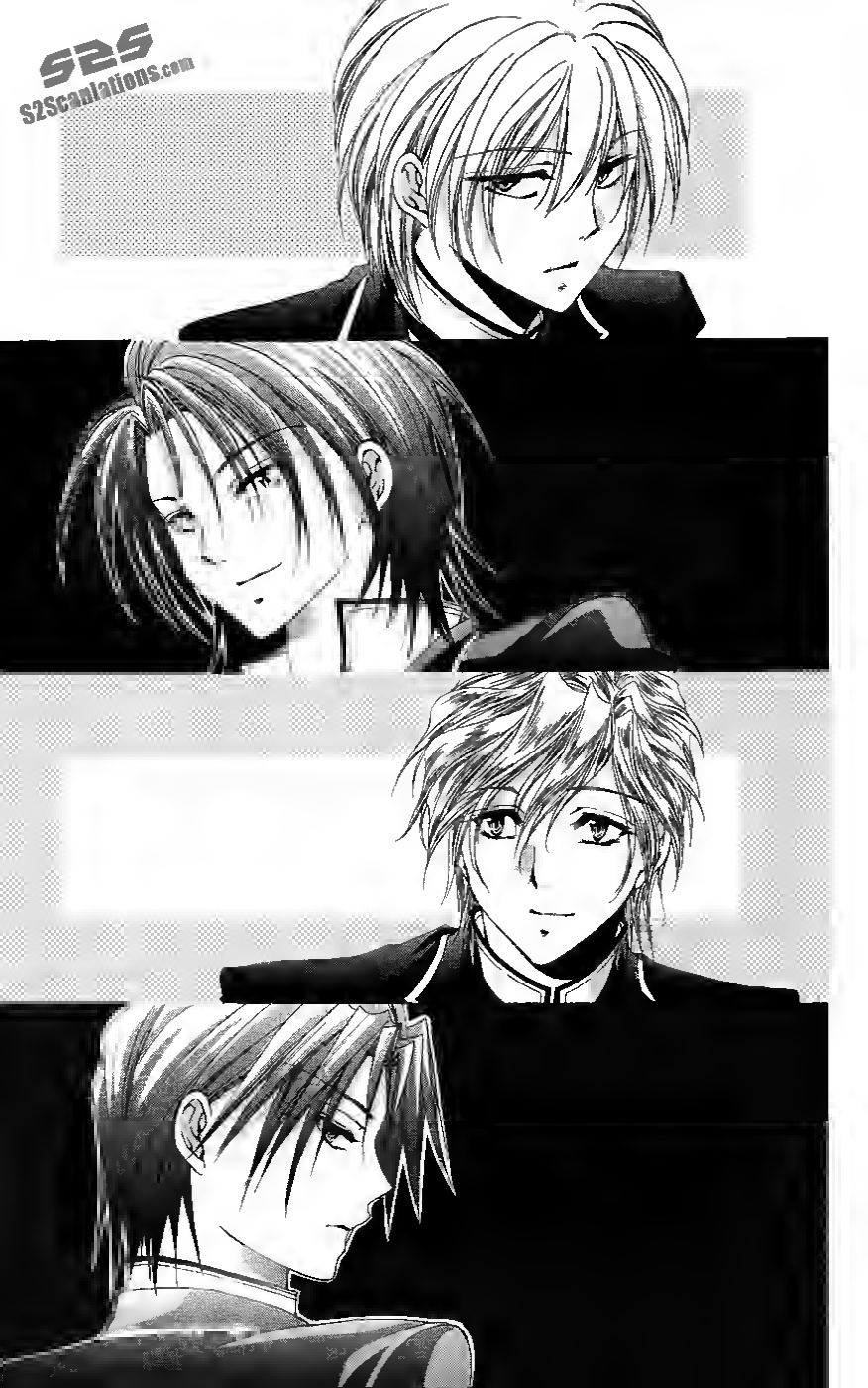

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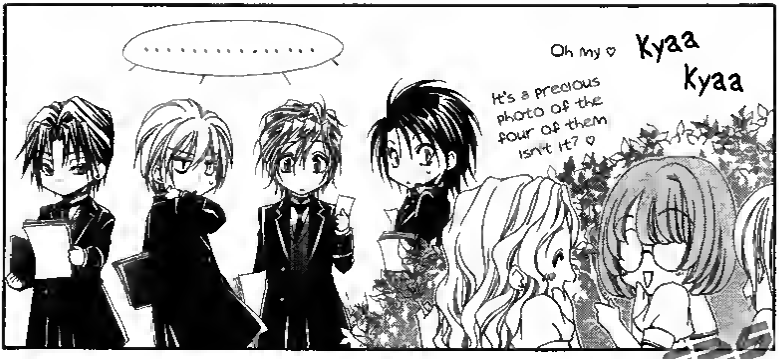

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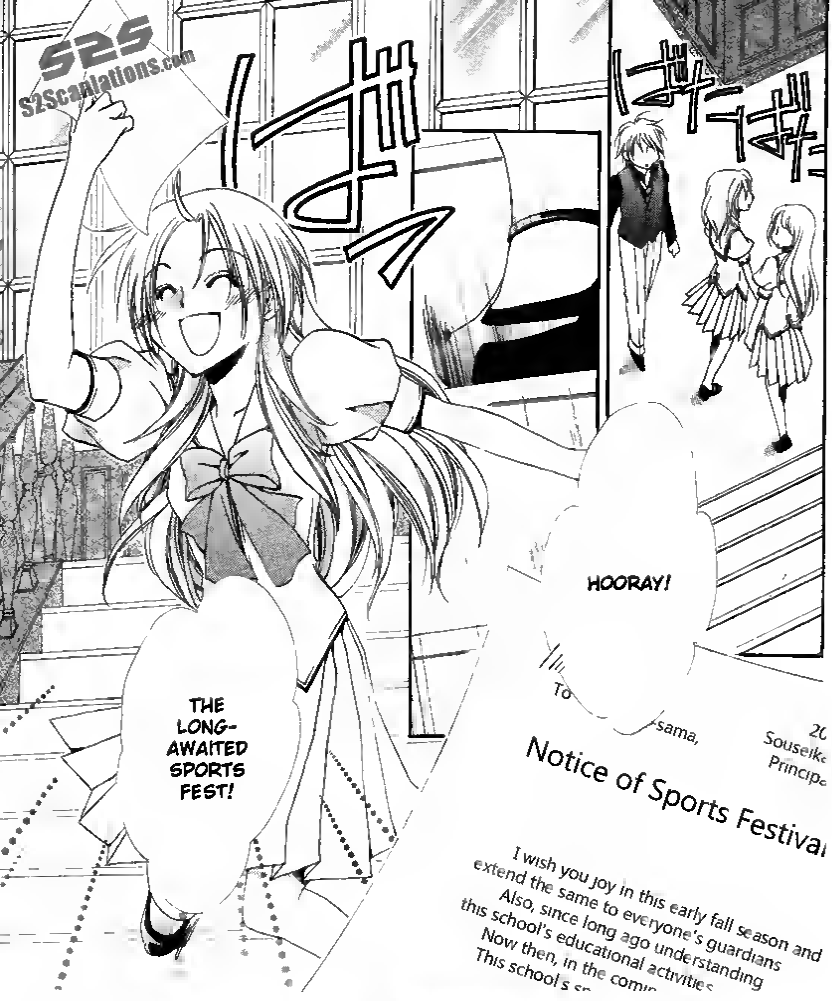

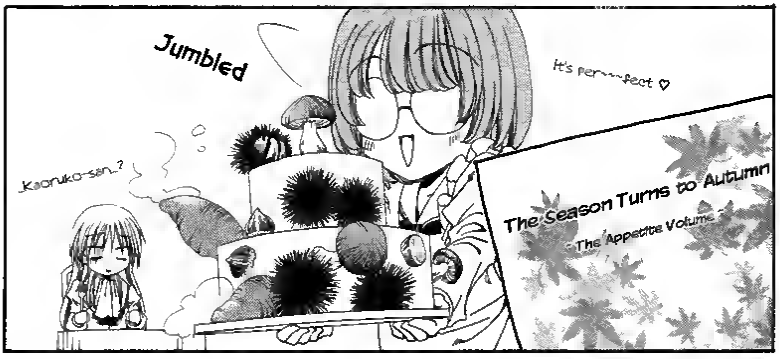

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Coach Race
Something like this?
Thud Thud Thud
I ALSO LIKE ORDINARY SPORTS EVENTS, BUT NO MATTER WHAT THEY SAY, THIS IS SOUSEIKAN, RIGHT?
THERE WILL BE LOTS OF SPORTS EVENTS "SOUSEIKAN-LIKE," WON'T THERE?
Something like that?
Thunk
Silverware Target Practice
...THOUGH THERE'S NOTHING LIKE WHAT RYOU-CHAN IS THINKING OF...
I JUST HEARD "SPORTS FEST" AND MY BLOOD PRACTICALLY CLAMORED, YOU SEE
Eheheh
THAT AGAIN!
My my
RYOU-CHAN ♡ YOU'VE REALLY BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, HAVEN'T YOU?
I WONDER IF SOMETHING LIKE A MIXED L-B "CHEERING CONTEST" IS IN LINE WITH WHAT'S CONSIDERED OUR SCHOOL'S STYLE? ♡
However it's limited to boys
A CHEERING CONTEST!? THERE'LL BE ONE!?
But the centerpiece contest above all is
the "Butlers' Demonstration"!
IT'S AN EVENT WHERE CLASS B STUDENTS SHOW UP TO DISPLAY A BUTLER'S DUTIES ♡
Oooh
IT SEEMS SOMEWHAT INTERESTING!

WHAT ELSE!? WHAT ELSE!?
AND THEN...
HOW IMPATIENT I AM FOR IT!
MY FIRST SPORTS FEST SINCE COMING TO SOUSEIKAN
THAT'S WHAT WE WANT!
WE'LL RISE UP AND TAKE IT!
...OUR TEAM WILL TAKE THE CHAMPIONSHIP!
Lunch Break
THAT'S BECAUSE, FOR CLASS B STUDENTS, THE SPORTS FEST IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTRACT FUTURE EMPLOYMENT.
AND ON THAT DAY, MANY OF THE GUARDIANS OF CLASS L WILL VISIT.
Ah,
IORI-SAN... HAYATO-SAN
They're getting excited! I should say
CLASS B IS ALSO VERY DRIVEN...

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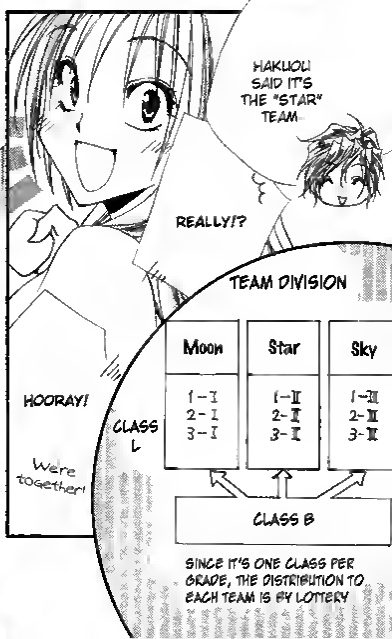
They're doing it
Ho
they're doing it
IN SHORT, IT'S A PART OF "JOB HUNTING," YOU SEE.
OUR TEAM'S VICTORY IS NOTHING BUT A ONE-BY-ONE ASSESSMENT.
...
IT'S ALWAYS A GATHERING OF HARDHEADS, SO NATURALLY EVERYONE GETS INTO THE SPIRIT.
THE SUCCESS OF THE SPORTS FEST IS THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT'S CONNECTED TO BOOSTING THAT GENERATION'S IMPRESSION OF US!
...YES!

Oh,
IS THAT SO? I WANT TO KNOW WHICH TEAM HE TURNED OUT TO BE ON, HOWEVER.
IF IT'S THAT,
Oh,?
BY THE WAY, HAKUOU...?
HE SAID HE HAS SOME THINGS TO DO, SO HE'LL BE A BIT LATE.



Oh,
BOTH OF YOU ARE TEAM LEADERS?
. BY THE WAY, HAKUOU WILL ACT AS THE CHEERING SQUAD LEADER.
Eh
THAT'S GREAT!
...IT'S NOT GREAT.
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU KNOW. THIS YEAR WE'RE BOTH TEAM LEADERS.
LET US GENUINELY ENJOY THE COMPETITION
Hey
IF IT'S LIKE THIS, I WILL FOCUS ALL MY STRENGTH ON COMPETING WITH YOU.
EH?
Frown ing
IF I ACT AS A CHEERING SQUAD LEADER OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I'LL HAVE LESS TIME TO TAKE CARE OF YOU, WON'T I?
...HAKUOU?
EVEN NOW, I WAS LATE BECAUSE OF A MEETING.
AND PRACTICE WILL EAT INTO THE TIME I USUALLY SPEND WITH YOU AT TEA AND ESCORTING YOU.

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IF HAKUOU IS WORRIED,
SOME-WHAT
EVEN ABOUT ME
I'M UNSETTLED AND MY HEART BEATS FAST, THOUGH
DOESN'T IT...?
Hmm
THAT'S BECAUSE WHEN HIMURA-SAN ISN'T BY YOUR SIDE, YOU CAN'T HELP WORRYING AND WORRYING?
I WONDER WHICH ONE IS ACTUALLY THE PROTECTOR?
Pant
WHAT! WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHICH ONE"
IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT.
EVEN I FEEL RELIEVED WHEN I'M WITH HAKUOU, I'M SURE?
I'M HAPPY THAT WE'RE ON THE SAME TEAM,
AND I'M VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO HAKUOU AS THE CHEER-ING SQUAD LEADER
...
Look
BECAUSE IT'S THIS FESTIVAL, LET'S AIM FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP TOGETHER,
...OKAY, HAKUOU?

YES, YOU'RE RIGHT
SINCE WE'RE GOING TO DO IT, AREN'T WE?
...YEAH
THOUGH IF IT WEREN'T LIMITED TO BOYS, I'D ALSO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN CHEERING, YOU KNOW
IS THAT SO?
Uh-huh.
IT FEELS GOOD TO SUCCEED IN DOING SOMETHING RELENTLESSLY TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE, DOESN'T IT?
THE SENSE OF UNITY, THE POWER OF SOLIDARITY, AMONG OTHER THINGS,
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT SPORTS FESTS, I SUPPOSE!
●●●●●●●●●●●●
...EH?
WELL... BECAUSE, YOU KNOW...
THE SENSE OF UNITY, THE POWER OF SOLIDARITY, AMONG OTHER THINGS...
THOUGH HIMURA-SAN IS SAYING THAT,
...WORK HARD
YOU GUYS ARE TEAM LEADERS, AREN'T YOU?
...THE HURDLE IS HIGH, YOU KNOW...
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It's Book 7.

Hello! I'm Isawa Kei! I got to the seventh book of "Butler-sama's Favorite"!

I'm repeating myself frequently, but by being able to publish volume after volume is due to everyone's support! It's something I'm thankful for!

From here on as well, I'll do my best without forgetting my feelings of gratitude!

...Changing the subject. It's after all this time, but I am a **GLASSES GIRL.** With one thing or another, I have 20 years' experience with glasses. I also use contacts, but when working, I use glasses. Rather, I mean I'm living with my glasses practically installed.

Recently, I've begun to wonder ... if I should try to dare fashion accessories for glasses.

With this and that, here's Book 7! Please enjoy it.

EXPECTING SUCH FROM CLASS L MIGHT BE DIFFICULT, I DARESAY...

...YES, I SUPPOSE.

WE'RE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THE GALLANT FIGURES OF CLASS B STUDENTS BUT

Right?

WHEN IT COMES TO SPORTS EVENTS.

WHY!?

EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE HAD GOTTEN EXCITED DURING THE FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY,

THEY WON'T TAKE PART IN CHEERING PRACTICE?

BECAUSE WHEN YOU COMPARE IT TO THE FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY, THE PAGEANTRY ISN'T AS GOOD.

You see?

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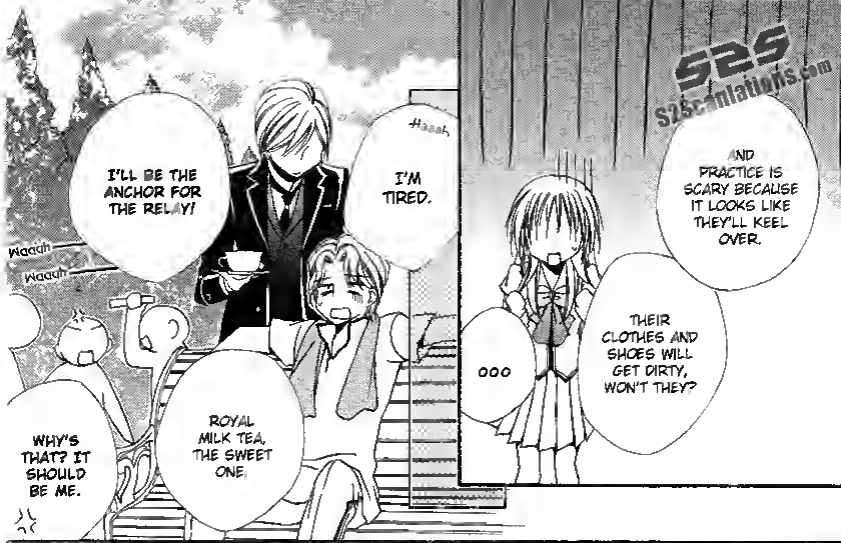
AND PRACTICE IS SCARY BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'LL KEEL OVER.
THEIR CLOTHES AND SHOES WILL GET DIRTY, WON'T THEY?
OOO
Haaah
I'M TIRED.
I'LL BE THE ANCHOR FOR THE RELAY!
Waaah
Waaah
ROYAL MILK TEA, THE SWEET ONE.
WHY'S THAT? IT SHOULD BE ME.

SENSEI WAS ALSO THINKING SO!
SENSEI
IN ANY CASE, I WANT TO REQUEST SOMETHING OF YOU!
CAN'T I GET YOU TO JOIN THE SPORTS FEST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TRY TO DO SOMETHING?!
...I SHOULD THINK SO, YES!
BECAUSE IT'S THE SPORTS FEST!

カレシ
PLEASE WATCH, SENSEI!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, HIMURA-SAN.
Grand Conference Room No. 2
Hiroto
I WONDER WHAT'S GOOD?
AND IF WE DO IT, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF IT'S ALL SHOWY.
BUT BECAUSE IT'S A SPORTS FEST, I WANT TO DO SOMETHING FRESH, YOU KNOW.
...
EACH COMMITTEE MEMBER, PLEASE SPEED UP PREPARATIONS AND ABIDE BY THE ASSIGNMENT LIST THAT WAS JUST DISTRIBUTED.
Ahh,
WHAT TO DO, I WONDER...
Swoosh
Swoosh
...UM?

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Ah
...!
AFTER THAT, ALL CLASS B COMMITTEE MEMBERS,
PAY ATTENTION TO ALL GROUPS CAREFULLY SO THAT THE OVER-HEATED MANNER DOESN'T GO TOO FAR
I'VE GOT IT!
HELP TRANSPORT THE EQUIPMENT, PLEA—SE
Hu Hu
Hu Hu
!!!
...UM?
...SAY, YOU'RE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AREN'T YOU?
A FAVOR, SINCE WE'RE ON THE SAME "SKY" TEAM, SEE
I HOPE IT WILL TURN OUT WELL.
IF IT'S THIS, IT'S SIMPLE TO MAKE, AND THE CAPITAL OUTLAY IS MODERATE

I REFUSE
THE PLAN FOR THE PRACTICE ROOM IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT WAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED.
THE PRACTICE ROOM FOR THE B DEMO,
CAN'T YOU ARRANGE IT SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE OUR PRIORITY?
THAT'S WHY, TO PULL THAT OFF,
you know?
...
THE B DEMO IS OUR BIG HIGHLIGHT AND...
SENDOU-KUN WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPORTS FEST'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
I hadn't realized...
Grab
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
BUT, SEE...
I MEAN, IT'S USELESS ASKING SENDOU FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
...
IT'S FINE.
SENDOU-KUN REMAINS THE SAME, I SUPPOSE.
Abruptly
Rattle

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...YES?
EH?
THOUGH IT SEEMS EVERY-ONE IS FRANTIC FROM "JOB HUNTING,"
I THINK SENDOU-KUN IS COMPLETELY NOT.
BESIDES,
IF ONE HAS A MASTER THAT WAS CHOSEN BY THE HEART, THERE'S NO SUCH NEED, IS THERE?
BECAUSE I'M THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,
MY POSITION IS NEUTRAL AS A MATTER OF COURSE.
...EH?
AH!
OH, YEAH! YOU'RE RIGHT, I SUPPOSE
...AREN'T THE BUTLER CADETS AROUND YOU LIKE THAT?
WHY, I HAD THOUGHT THAT WAS ABOUT SENDOU-KUN.
I PLAN TO REUSE THEM A BIT.
IS THAT SO?
...BY THE WAY,
... THESE?
THAT LOAD

...IT'S MY DUTY,
THIS SORT OF THING.
...IT'S FINE.
THE CLASS L BUILDING IS ON MY WAY, SO...
EH?
WELL THEN, I'LL CARRY THEM TO THE CLASSROOM.
Glance
...HUH...?
WHAT SORT OF TALK...
...EVEN IF YOU DON'T WORRY THAT MUCH,
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN TAKING YOUR MASTER AND SO ON?
...WHAT IS IT?
...
Stare
Ah...um.

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THE MATTER OF THE TRANSFER STUDENT THE OTHER DAY...
IT APPEARED THAT YOU WERE FLUSTERED CONSIDERABLY AND WERE MADE A FOOL OF BY A LIE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
...UH
WHY DO YOU KNOW THAT SORT OF THING.
...THEN, BECAUSE YOU DO THAT AND GET EXCITED OVER EVERYTHING, YOU'D BEEN TRICKED?
...
Feeling
tense
Oh?
Is it Okay?
...I'M GRATEFUL. THANKS FOR THE ADVICE.
Turns
...IN THAT CASE, I'LL ALSO TAKE YOUR ADVICE AND MAKE A POINT OF NOT CONTENDING WITH YOU OVER EVERYTHING
...LET'S GO, HIMURA.
EH?
AH, ALL RIGHT...
...MILADY,
PLEASE DON'T LEAVE HIS SIDE.

Passes
...FOR HIS SAKE AS WELL.
...EH..?
NATURALLY, THAT IS FOR THE SAKE OF AN "OVERPROTECTIVE" SOMEONE,
I DARESAY...
Whisper
...
HE SAID, FOR HAKUOU'S SAKE...
THE GUYS OF THE CHEERING SQUAD WERE LOOKING FOR YOU, I'M SURE?
THEY SAID THE SQUAD LEADER TOOK A RARE BREAK AND WENT SOMEWHERE...
...DON'T SAY UNNECESSARY THINGS...
Where did you come from?
...
...HAKUOU
WAS WORRIED AND TOOK THE TROUBLE TO COME TO ME.

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...LOOK!
A COMPLETED MARACAS!
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF MAKING ITEMS FOR CHEERING!
IF YOU PUT ADZUKI BEANS INTO A PET BOTTLE THIS WAY...
Rattle
Rattle
...WHY, RYOU-CHAN,
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
That's true, isn't it? ♡ A cute chick ♡
IF YOU PAINT THE OUTSIDE WITH COLOR, IT WILL BE CUTE.
...AN-AND THEN?
I WONDER HOW YOU'LL USE IT?
Oh,
OH, YES! DOING THIS...
Clatter
...IT'S A STAR.. I'M SURE?
...
Oh..?

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...TO THINK IT'S THE FIRST TEA TIME IN A WHILE! WHAT IS SHE DOING, AND WHERE...?
ISN'T SHE COMING...?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
She's not in the classroom either...
...GOOD GRIEF. THAT GIRL...
OH... I'M WONDERING WHAT THEY'RE DOING OVER THERE...
EH?
THE TWO OF THEM HAVE BEEN DOING THAT HERE EVERY DAY
I DON'T QUITE GET IT, BUT...
THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE HAVING FUN DOING IT, DON'T THEY?
...THEY DO, I SUPPOSE.
...

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...
WE'LL CONTINUE AGAIN TOMORROW, RIGHT?
Step
WELL THEN
YEAH
Bye!
AS I THOUGHT, THE ENTIRE LOT WASN'T FINISHED WITH JUST TWO PEOPLE, WAS IT?
Takes
IS TODAY'S PRACTICE OVER?
YES! IT BECAME LIKE THOSE, I GUESS?
...
IT'S FILLED WITH KAORUKO-SAN'S IDEAS
I THINK IT WILL BE BEAUTIFUL IF EVERYONE USES IT WITH CHOREOGRAPHY.
Hmm
ARE THESE THE CHEERING ITEMS YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT?
Oh
THANKS, HAKUOU
SORRY, I'M LATE, YOU KNOW.

Gulp
THAT YOU'RE ... "OVERPROTECTIVE"?
SHALL I GIVE YOU A HAND?
with this
Eh?
I'M FINE I'M FINE WITH THAT MUCH
IT'S NOTHING...
BESIDES, WON'T YOU BE TOLD AGAIN
Yeaaah,
BUT FOR TWO PEOPLE, THE WHOLE LOT OF THESE WOULD BE DIFFICULT.
IT'S NOT AS IF WE WON'T FINISH IN TIME, AND
EXCLUSIVITY, OVERPROTECTIVENESS, AND SO ON HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
...THE ONE WHO WANTS TO HELP YOU
...IS ME.
...THAT'S WHY...
...
BECAUSE IF YOU APPEAR TO BE ENJOYING YOURSELF, I ALSO HAVE THAT SORT OF FEELING

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Pat
I THINK IT WILL BE CONVEYED
EVEN TO OTHER CLASS 1 STUDENTS.
...
...HH-HUH
...WELL THEN,
FOR TODAY'S CHEERING SQUAD PRACTICE, WE'LL PERFORM CONTRACTIONS FOR MUSCLE TRAINING.

MUSCLE TRAINING SHOULDN'T BE NECESSARY FOR THE CHEERING SQUAD!
Class L students
Booooo Booooo
ON THE DAY ITSELF, THE CHEERING CONTEST WILL BE HELD AFTER OTHER COMPETITIONS.
IF YOU DON'T INCREASE YOUR PHYSICAL STRENGTH IN GOOD ORDER, YOU'LL PRESENT AN UNSIGHTLY APPEARANCE
...THEN ARE YOU FINE WITH THAT?
Hey
THE SQUAD LEADER'S FINALLY GETTING MORE FIRED UP, ISN'T HE?
YEAH...
FIRST OF ALL, FIFTY PUSH-UPS!
Eeeeeeeeeh
...HOW TIRESOME.
"AT A GOOD TIME"?
"SKIP OUT"?
Say
LET'S FAKE THE COUNT AT A GOOD TIME AND SKIP OUT.
...
PUNISHMENT FACE
HAKUOU'S ENTHUSIASM AND WHAT I'M CONSIDERING FOR YOU GUYS.
...I WONDER WHETHER THEY WON'T BE CONVEYED?

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Oh,
THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IS STEADILY INCREASING AT MISS HIMURA'S THING OVER THERE, I DARESAY
Isn't there a more distinct example...?
IT'S LIKE A VIRUS THAT'S CATCHING, YOU KNOW...
BUT
IT'S A SCENE THAT WAS UNIMAGINABLE BACK WHEN HIMURA-SAN WAS STILL A NEW TRANSFER STUDENT, ISN'T IT?
...

WE TOO, IF WE DON'T ENJOY OURSELVES, YOU KNOW
...OF COURSE
WITH ALL OUR MIGHT
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Say
THIS IS FINE ALREADY, ISN'T IT?
IF I SPEAK LOUDER THAN THIS, MY THROAT WILL BE COMPLETELY RUINED
MY VOICE TEACHER WILL GET MAD

IF THAT'S THE CASE, CAN'T WE HAVE YOU PRODUCE YOUR VOICE STEADILY FROM THE BELLY? YOU KNOW?
WHAT! THAT'S ARROGANT.
EVEN THOUGH AT THE BEST OF TIMES, WE'RE LAGGING BEHIND THE OTHER "SKY" AND "STAR."
I DON'T WANT TO STRETCH MY LEGS MORE THAN THIS
THE CHEERING SQUAD MEMBERS WANT TO ALTER IT, YOU KNOW.
IF WE'RE GOING TO WIN, ONLY BY DOING THAT...
WITHOUT IT, THE REMAINING ALTERNATIVE...
...
...AH
YOU'RE HERE, YOU'RE HERE, HAKUOU!
HIMURA? YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT SOMETHING?
AFTER THIS IS THE CHEERING SQUAD PRACTICE? I WONDER IF I MAY GO WITH YOU?
YEAH, I DON'T PARTICULARLY MIND.
I WANT TO CHECK THE COSTUMES BEFORE PRACTICE.
That's because I'm in charge of costume management.

NO,
I WANT TO KEEP APPRISED OF THE CHEERING SQUAD SITUATION
HMMM
IT'S DIFFICULT, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, I SUPPOSE
SENDOU-KUN CHECKS THE COSTUMES TOO?
SENDOU...?
...IF IT'S THAT SORT OF THING, I ALSO WANT TO ACCOMPANY YOU, THOUGH
No reaction
...
Fast walk
LOOK, HAKUOU, HURRY UP
THEN LET'S GO
...YEAH, I'VE GOT IT.
Hey you two
...I DON'T REMEMBER SAYING I WANT TO WALK BESIDE YOU, THOUGH.
I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO SUCH INTEREST, EITHER.
...OH!
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ABOUT THE COSTUMES,
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO REPORT...
THEY WERE COMPLETE THIS MORNING, WEREN'T THEY?
HOW MANY OUTFITS ARE MISSING?
YES, CERTAINLY.
IT'S ONE.
I CHECKED SEVERAL TIMES BUT...
WAS IT JUST LOST OR WAS IT STOLEN?
IF THAT'S THE CASE, BY WHOM, AND WHY?

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LOOK OUT!
...!
...!

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SENDOU, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
...
IT'S A SCRATCH
LEAVING THAT ASIDE, THE SILHOUETTE A LITTLE WHILE AGO...
GOT IT.
...!
ME TOO.
HUH?
IT'S DANGEROUS, ISN'T IT!?
I MEAN YOU HAVE TO GO BACK...
LOOK, LOOK! IF WE DON'T HURRY, HE'LL BE ABLE TO GET AWAY COMPLETELY.
HE TURNED AT THAT CORNER!

HEY!
WAIT!
...
REALLY, THAT GIRL ...
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? I COMPLETELY LOST SIGHT OF HIM
...DON'T TELL ME HE'S IN HERE..?
SHALL I KEEP WATCH AS A PRECAUTION..?
OH?
COME WITH ME,
SINCE I CAN'T LEAVE YOU BY YOURSELF
UH, UH-HUH

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Creak...
Huh
...!
...IT'S DARK AND IT'S HARD TO SEE, ISN'T IT...?
..DAMN IT...
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, THIS PLACE IS SELF-LOCKING
FURTHERMORE, IT CAN ONLY BE UNLOCKED FROM OUTSIDE.
EH
IS THAT SO!?
THIS IS TERRIBLE
SOMEPLACE ELSE WHERE WE CAN MAKE OUR WAY OUT...
...IF IT'S FROM OVER THERE...
...!

WAIT!
IT'S THIS DARK INSIDE. BLINDLY...
HE...
...

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...EH?
WHY...
...BUT NOW I'M NOT PARTICULARLY...
DOING SO THAT MUCH, I ASSURE YOU.
...YOU ASK, WHY...
...BECAUSE
...YOU'RE PERFECTLY WITHIN REACH, YOU KNOW.
...S... SORRY, OKAY,
HAKUOU...
...HM?
...
BECAUSE JUST NOW..
I THINK I MADE YOU WORRY AGAIN...
. CERTAINLY THAT . WORRIED ME, YOU KNOW .

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IT SEEMS THIS IS REALLY
JUST BECAUSE I WANT PEACE OF MIND, YOU KNOW ..
...BUT
...THAT...
...EH?
...
SOMETHING STRANGE ..
...THIS ..
...HEY?
.. HIMURA?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT...

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...!!
HAKUOU
HAKUOU!
WE WERE WORRIED!
ARE YOU HERE!?
WHILE YOU WERE CHASING A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER, WE LOST SIGHT OF YOU
...
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG, IORI?
...
...!
Hah
HAKUOU...?

EH...?
BECAUSE HIMURA'S DEMEANOR WAS ODD
...
THIS IS BECAUSE, YOU SEE,
S-SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRY...
WHA... WHAT COULD IT BE... I WONDER IF I WAS STUNNED BECAUSE IT HAPPENED ALL OF A SUDDEN
...
...ARE YOU REALLY ALL RIGHT...?
KANUKA-SENPAI!
Thud
Thud

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...
...I WONDER WHAT IT WAS...?
AND AS A SLIGHT FEVER LINGERED,
THE SPORTS FEST WAS APPROACHING.
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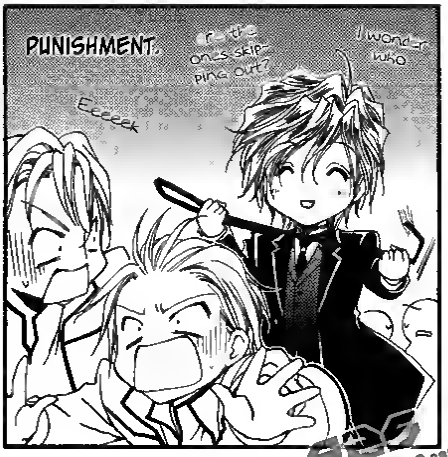

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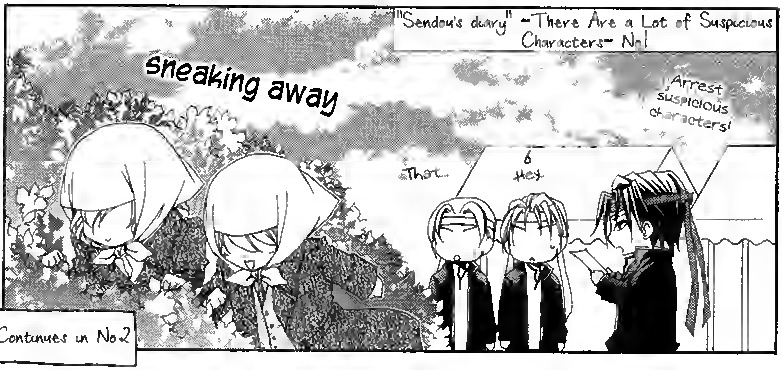

BOOM
—— AT LAST, TODAY IS
BOOM
THE SPORTS FEST.
——All right.
chatter
"The class L boys' 100-meter race"
ON YOUR MARK. GET SET.
chatter
DASH
BANG
GO!
GO——!!
OH, WE'RE COMPLETELY COUNTED OUT, I DARESAY.
I WONDER WHOSE TEAM WILL WIN THIS YEAR?

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Keep it up! Star!
That's the way!
YOU'RE GIVING IT YOUR ALL, AREN'T YOU, HIMURA-SAN?
THOUGH I'M A RIVAL, THERE'S A MAGNIFICENT SENSE OF UNITY...
Ehehe
NATURALLY. THAT'S THE REAL PLEASURE OF THE SPORTS FEST!
...SO IT IS, ISN'T IT?
OUR TEAM'S CHEERING STANDS OUT THE MOST
Cheering
...YEAH!
YOUR FEELINGS WERE CONVEYED TO EVERYONE.
. I'M GLAD, YOU KNOW.

DO YOUR BEST WITH THE CHEERING SQUAD, OKAY?
grin
AND I'LL ALSO CHEER FOR HAKUOU WITH ALL MY MIGHT.
I'VE PREPARED SOMETHING GOOD FOR AFTERWARDS, SO LOOK FORWARD TO IT, OKAY?
——YEAH
looking around
rustle
rustle
——IN ORDER TO REPORT QUESTIONABLE ACTIVITIES EASILY, THIS IS THE APPEARANCE OF THE SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER THE OTHER DAY,
BASED ON KANZAWA'S EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT.

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WITH THE INVESTIGATION TO DATE, WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THIS PERSON IS AN ANNUAL OFFENDER.
STOP AND ARREST HIM
——THIS YEAR, FOR SURE
——Coming next,
"the 2nd year class B hurdles"
BANG
IT'S FINALLY HAKUOU-SAN'S TURN, ISN'T IT, RYOU-CHAN?
YUP
Go!

...!
Right from the start, Star Team's speed is overwhelming!
——Athlete Kanzawa!
is first at the finish line!
——Hakuou...!
Ardent
Listen
LET'S FOLLOW HAKUOU-SAMA TOO.
Th
THAT'S RIGHT, ISN'T IT?
Whoa!
Hakuou-sama~~~~!

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HAKUOU...
...
IF WE ALSO DO IT, WE CAN WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP, YOU KNOW.
SOMETHING LIKE BEING ABLE TO MOVE EVERYONE'S FEELINGS WITH ONE WIN,
IS SO AMAZING...
...
All right! Everyone, it's our turn next!
Do your best and aim for a Star Team championship!
YEA——AH

Hello I'm the writer, Tsuyama Fuyu

I'm just saying, this is Book 7 But really this is due to everyone's support Thank you

And now the novel & comics "Butler-sama's Favorite Be with You" has gone on sale at the same time as Book 7

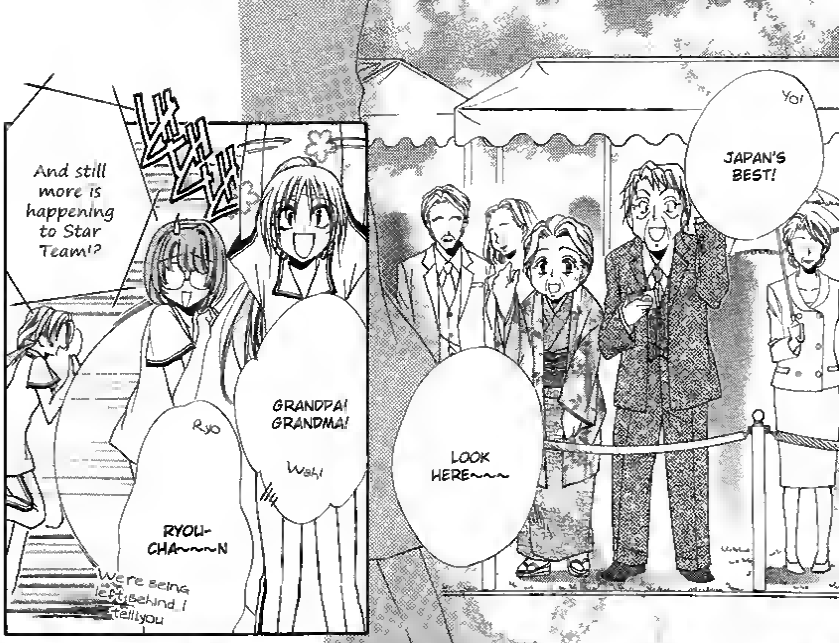
You can read about Hakuou & Iori & Hayato's childhood, a secret investigation of Black Swallow Hall (the dorm exclusively for class B), and the like that hadn't been recorded in the manga up to now ☆ as what the promo says

Thank you for letting me write it.

Incidentally if you also read the novel, I'll be happy Isawa-san drew the illustrations specifically for it!

It's different from the usual mere lovers' talk "Butler-sama" I wish you all the best

Tsuyama Fuyu ❀


And still more is happening to Star Team!?
Ryo
GRANDPA! GRANDMA!
Wah!
RYOU-CHA~~~N
We're being left behind! Tell you
LOOK HERE~~~
JAPAN'S BEST!
Yo!

EVE... EVERYONE, THA~~~NKS.
1st Place Star
2nd Plac
3rd Place
WE DID IT, DIDN'T WE, HIMURA-SAN?
Kyaa Kyaa
——But with the outstanding teamwork of Star Team's girls, they clinch first place!
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——Coming next, "the 3rd year class B 100-meter race"
grin
MISS HIMURA?
ISN'T IT,
EH?
——SORRY,
THE CONTEST IS FROM HERE ON.

Once again in first place is athlete Kanuka!
Through the personal efforts of the team leader
In consecutive performances in every morning event, Sky Team has also quickly jumped to the top!
TEAM LEADER!
SKY TEAM MEMBERS
Wow!
Oh, my
UWA.. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED OF HAYATO-SAN...
As it is, is the championship in the hands of Sky Team?!
——IF HAKUOU WINS THE CHAMPIONSHIP, I SUPPOSE HE'D BE DELIGHTED...
passes
Whisper
Athlete Kanuka suddenly slowed down!
——Oh! What could be wrong!?
I WANT TO LEAD MY TEAM TO VICTORY...
dash
dash
stagger
SKY TEAM MEMBERS
TEAM LEADER!
HOWEVER, IF HAKUOU WILL BE DELIGHTED...
No, no...
STAR TEAM MEMBER
...SAY... THE SPIRIT OF FAIR PLAY...
I WAS JUST TALKING TO MYSELF THROUGHOUT?
Come
LET'S SCORE POINTS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...
——You mustn't, Margaret-chan!

THUD
Waaah
Waaah
TEAM LEADER DOUKE!?
IT'S NO GOOD... HE'S LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS WITH A SMILE!
THAT'S RIGHT. THE TEAM LEADER HAS DIFFICULTY WITH CATS!
Marie! Josephine! Even Rosalie-chan!
...
What?
crawling
around
——There's a report of trouble with Star Team's leader too!
1st Place Moon
2nd Place Sky
——As of this time with the first half of the match almost finished, in first place is Moon Team!
The next one is Sky Team
And last is Star Team
...LAST PLACE...
N-NOW, NOW, DON'T FEEL SO DOWN.
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——LOOK, PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER AND LET'S GO ♡
IF WE'RE NOT QUICK, WE WON'T GET THE GOOD SEATS, YOU KNOW? ♡
...TO?
WHA... WHAT?
Uhu hu
THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE'S WAITING FOR, OF COURSE.
THE FIRST PERFOR-MANCE OF TODAY'S MAIN EVENT ♡
Wow
——Well, it's finally beginning!
bustling
The "Butlers' Demonstration"!

Kyaa!
Wow
IF SO MANY PEOPLE ARE IN SYNC——
HOW IMPRESSIVE.
Kyaa!
……
……
……

EH...
SAY, RYOU-CHAN ♡
WHEN YOU SEE HIM THIS WAY, HAKUOU-SAN IS COOL AND SHINES AMONG ALL THE OTHERS, DOESN'T HE?
EVEN AMONG THAT MANY PEOPLE
I'M DAZZLED BEFORE I KNOW IT
TO THAT EXTENT
—HAKUOU
IS COOL, I DARESAY.
...
step
This is all there is The morning portion has ended
A lunch buffet has been prepared for everyone's guardians on campus
Please look forward to it, together with tea that will be served by the butlers of the future

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glare
glare
glare
AS FOR THIS YEAR'S HEADBAND, I...!
I HAD NO IDEA...
Somehow their enthusiasm is on a different level from that for the sports fest
OH, HOW CUNNING! I WON'T SURRENDER!
WRONG!
ME!
EH?
—ANI-UE...*
...EH?
RIO...!?
...?!
T/N: Ani-ue is the honorific form of 'older brother' and more formal than oni-sama." It's generally used in aristocratic families
IT'S NATURAL THAT I'D WANT TO WATCH MY CUTE YOUNGER BROTHER'S PERFORMANCE, ISN'T IT?
Why are you...?
rustle
—WHY,
IS MY ANI-UE!

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ANI-UE—— ME TOO. TEA FOR ME TOO.
NEE-SAN..
THAT'S RIGHT, HAKUOU.
I WANT JAPANESE TEA HERE, OKAY?
Oh, my
O Onee -san
It's been a while
THAT'S WHY WE CAME
——EH..
OH, RYOU-CHAN OVER THERE
glance
glance
I'VE MADE YOU A BENTOU, RYOU-CHAN.
——LOOK, HAKUOU.
IT'S FULL OF RYOU'S FAVORITE DISHES, I TELL YOU.
THE TEA, THE TEA
Oh,?
...
...

...EH?
THEY INVITED ME, SAYING HOW ABOUT I JOIN THEM SINCE THERE'S A LOT?
——THAT'S
BECAUSE THE BENTOU SEEMED TOO DELICIOUS, SO I CALLED OUT TO THEM
WHEN I DID SO,
WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW? HAKUOU-KUN'S OLDER SISTER!
...ONEE-SAN HASN'T CHANGED, HAS SHE?
——LOOK, SIT DOWN QUICKLY, YOU ALL.
...BY THE WAY... THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BUT I HAVE TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT EVENT, SO I'LL GO AHEAD...
...HMM, I GUESS SO...
OH, IS THAT SO? THAT'S A PITY, I MUST SAY.
IT'S DELICIOUS, I ASSURE YOU.
SOME OTHER TIME, THEN.

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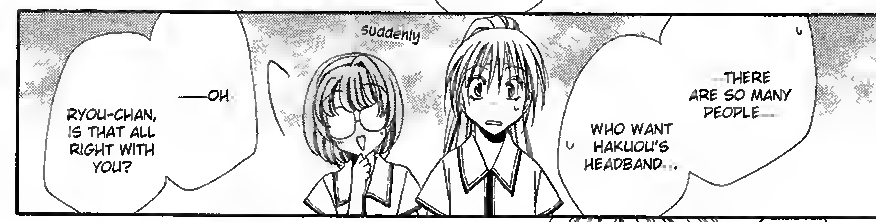

EH?
—OH ♡
I SUPPOSE YOU THINK SO, RYOU-CHAN
...?
Uhuhu
UH-UH, IT'S NOTHING IM-PORTANT ♡
——Well, it's the start of the afternoon portion!
chatter
The ones who will decide those points are a delegation of everyone's guard-ians and this school's board chairman
This cheering competition is also a contest that will earn the team points
clop
Entering with the posture of gallant knights!
chatter
——First is the Sky Team cheer-ing squad!
To continue, the Moon Team——
clop

ばん
——This is gorgeous!
I presume this is the revue style!?
"THE LAST ALTERNATIVE"... IS THIS COSTUME...?
...DON'T SAY IT.
THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY TO GET CLASS L MOTIVATED.
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Chat...
The last one to enter is the Star Team!
...EH.
ter
thud

ALL BLACK...? ISN'T THAT TOO PLAIN..?
SOUSEI CHEERING SONG NO.8!
All right
EVERYONE ALL SET?
LET'S SHOW THEM THE RESULTS OF OUR PRACTICE!
READYYYY
swish
swish
swish
boom
boom

THEY'RE PULLING IT OFF, AREN'T THEY!?
ANI-UE!
IIWA...
THEY'RE IN SYNC!
smile
boom

——Star Team regained its strength in one stroke!
10
10
10
10
BEING ABLE TO WATCH SUCH A SCENE IN MY SCHOOL!
...!
With this advantage, will they go to the top, all the way to the champi-onship!?
——Search well.
He should surely move here.
THERE'S ALSO THE POSSIBILITY OF HIM SLIPPING INTO THE SEATING AREA FOR THE GUARDIANS.
DON'T OVERLOOK THAT.
...!

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"I'VE PREPARED SOMETHING GOOD FOR AFTERWARDS"
NO DOUBT HE'S GETTING TIRED FROM SHOUTING
AT A TIME LIKE THAT, THIS "LEMON SOAKED IN HONEY"
—Hakuou-sama!

きゃあきゃあ
Say
WON'T YOU GIVE YOUR HEADBAND TO ME?
Oh
HOW SNEAKY. GETTING THE JUMP ON US!
...I'M SORRY, BUT THIS SORT OF THING...
Well
IT'S ALREADY PROMISED TO SOMEONE...!? WHO IS IT!?
NO, A PROMISE—
THEN GIVE IT TO ME!
TO ME!
To me!
...EVERYONE...
REALLY WANTS HAKUOU'S HEADBAND, DON'T THEY...?
Their enthusiasm is on a different level...
glance
...WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
...SOMEHOW
IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO GIVE UP THE IDEA OF GOING TO HIM...

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Ooh
Athlete Kanuka!
HAYATO'S A SIMPLE ONE, I TELL YOU.
Ah
It's not going to be interesting when we can't compete with someone with your quality.
Eh
It's a miraculous comeback!
What in the world could have happened?!
Born in the 21st century
He's fast!
He's regained his original energy and
THE 3RD YEAR CLASS B RELAY
amidst consecutive victories is participating nonstop in the afternoon events as well
THE 3RD YEAR CLASS B HURDLES
Sky Team again appears to be in hot pursuit——
He's fast!
SKY TEAM MEMBERS
Team leader!
It's already at super-human levels!
THE CLASS B POT RELAY

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slow
slow
With a sidelong glance at Sky Team's slowdown, Star Team chases after Moon Team!
I told you I'm poor at sports!
Hang in there, Kurisu!
Being something like Kanuka-senpai's substitute is impossible!
The Star Team anchor——
Athlete Kanzawa!
outstrips Moon Team to come in first at the finish line!
きゃあ きゃあ
Oh,?
RYOU-CHAN?
HAKUOU-SAN'S OVERTAKING JUST NOW WAS AMAZING, WASN'T IT,
RYOU-CHAN!?
LET'S DO OUR BEST ♡
——UH, UH-HUH. IT WAS, I DARESAY.
LET'S DO OUR BEST WITH CHEERING TOO!
…

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——As for the current three-way tie,
the decision is deferred for the last event
——HUH...
HIMURA.
——!
...
WHA... WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU IN A PLACE LIKE THIS——?
...IF I DON'T DO THIS OR SOMETHING, I'LL PROBABLY BE CHASED AROUND AGAIN...
——LEAVING THAT ASIDE, IT'S ABOUT YOU, FOR SURE.

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...
...BECAUSE WHEN I HAVE IT, I CAN'T BE BY YOUR SIDE, I SUPPOSE
...IS IT OKAY...?
HM?
——UH, UH-UH.
——YEAH I'LL KEEP IT.
...
THIS
——WHAT COULD IT BE?
ALL RIGHT THEN, LET'S GO.

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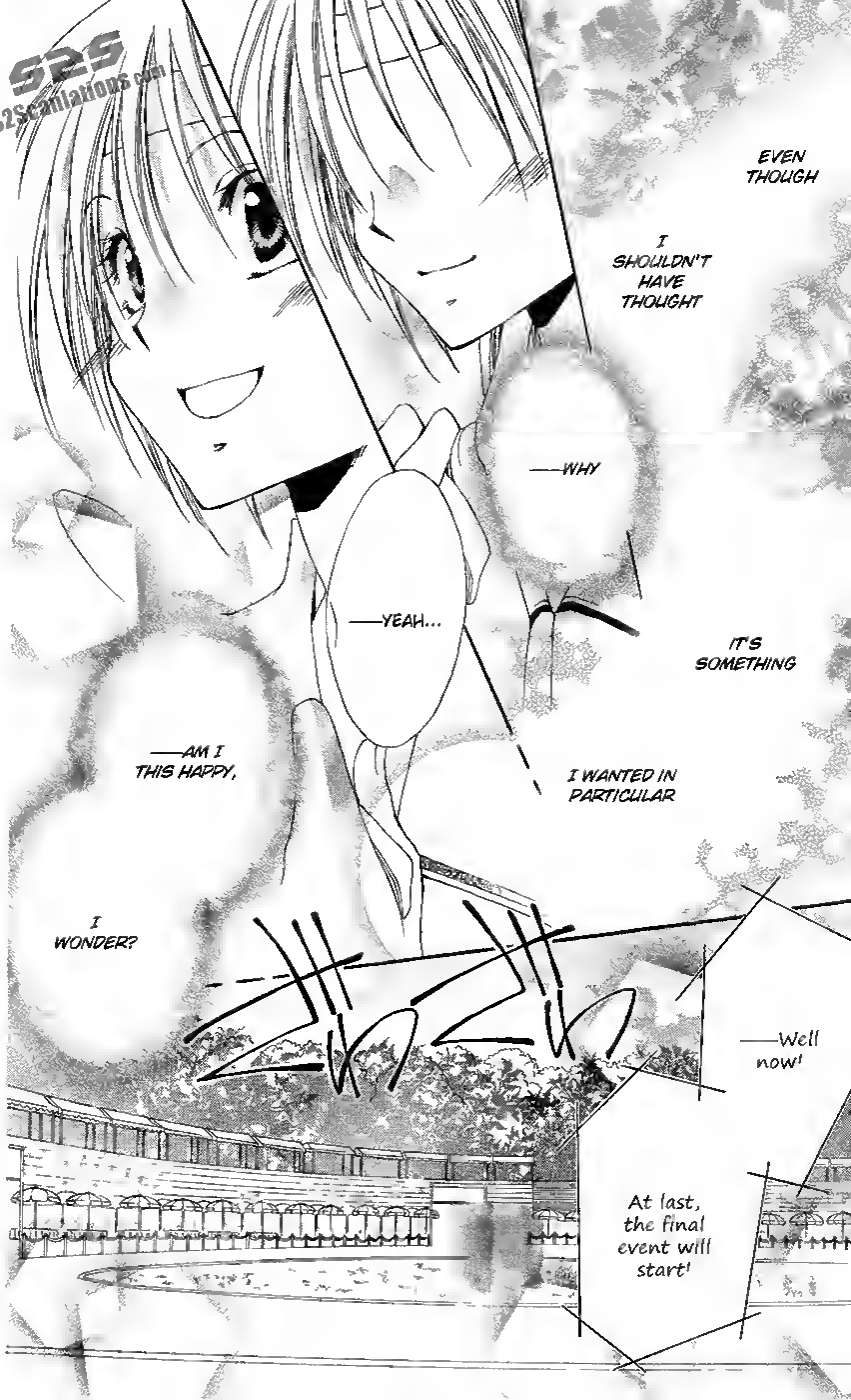

BANG
Which team will the championship really go to!?
Cheering
rustle
——Moon Team is fast!
As it is, will they connect with the anchor in 1st place!?
At this point, Sky Team has gotten ahead of Moon Team!
——He's here!
At last, each team is approaching the anchors!
HE'S OVER THERE!

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Currently in 2nd place is Moon Team——
——No, Star Team's Himura-Kanzawa pair!
They overtook Moon Team unnoticed!
Ahead of them is Sky Team's Ayanokouji-Kurisu pair in the lead.
——Oh!?
Aaaah...
They're arguing for some reason!?
——BUT
RIGHT NOW IT SIMPLY FEELS GOOD.
SKY TEAM MEMBERS
I DON'T WANT TO. MY CLOTHES WILL GET COMPLETELY DIRTY.
LEAVING THAT ASIDE, PLEASE USE A LOWER POSTURE.
IT COULDN'T BE HELPED, COULD IT?
WHY ISN'T HAYATO ONII-SAMA* MY PARTNER!?

T/N: Onii-sama here is used as a term of respect for an older boy.

Sky Team, which lost time going through the obstacle net——
——WE...
hastily
——was overtaken
by Star Team!
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——EH
...!
——Don't let him get away!
.....
WHO...?

This time, catch him, for sure!
EH!?
WHAT!?
HE ONE A LITTLE WHILE AGO IS THE SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER FROM LAST TIME.
——N ..NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT
He looked like that.
.THEN WE HAVE TO CATCH HIM!
YEAH
Th-the Star Team anchor
is running off the course!
——I'LL GO TOO...!
Hakuoooo!
LOOK.
IN THAT SHAPE, IT'S TOO MUCH FOR YOU, TEAM LEADER!
I'LL LEND YOU A HAND
よしっ

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...EH...?
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
OOO Corporation
"MONTHLY BOYS☆CLUB"
Cameraman
"MONTHLY BOYS☆CLUB" CAMERAMAN...?
HE'S THE SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER THAT CLASS B STUDENTS HAD BEEN WATCHING FOR WHO WAS SECRETLY TAKING PICTURES OF THE SCHOOL EVENT.
IT SEEMS HE'S ALWAYS DONE SO, BUT IN RECENT YEARS IT'S BEEN IN AN INTOLERABLE MANNER.
Well, well
SO... SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS...

WE'LL HAVE ALL BEHAVIOR THAT DISTURBS CLASS B'S WHOLESOME ACTIVITIES DEALT WITH SEVERELY.
Dose
FORGIVE ME...
What?
IF YOU HAD TOLD ME TO LET YOU TAKE A PHOTO FROM THE FRONT
IS THAT SO?
IN THAT CASE, I SUPPOSE IT WASN'T NECESSARY TO STEAL AN OUTFIT.
Well
THAT'S BECAUSE I THOUGHT OF MAKING IT A PRESENT FOR THE READERS
Ha Ha Ha
BECAUSE EVENT AND COSPLAY STUFF COMMAND ESPECIALLY HIGH PRICES
Oh, yes!
...
IT WAS MY FAULT, I SUPPOSE. THE FLOWERPOT WASN'T DELIBERATE, YOU KNOW?
IT FELL BY MISTAKE JUST AS I MOVED
Wisshh
A LONGER REVIEW SEEMS NECESSARY, DOESN'T IT?
AAAAH
MY CAMERA!
Hauling Away
...
glance
IF WE DON'T GET HIM TO RETURN THE OUTFIT PROMPTLY LATER, YOU KNOW
APART FROM THAT...

1st Place Moon
2nd Place Star
3rd Place Sky
...THE CHAMPIONSHIP IS MOON TE/M'S...?
DAMNED KURISU...
——Well then, we will presently conduct the closing ceremony
THAT'S BECAUSE THERE WAS A PROBLEM IN HAYATO'S COMPLETE ALLOCATION OF SPEED.
WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE IF YOU TAKE THAT OFF?
...AH
THAT

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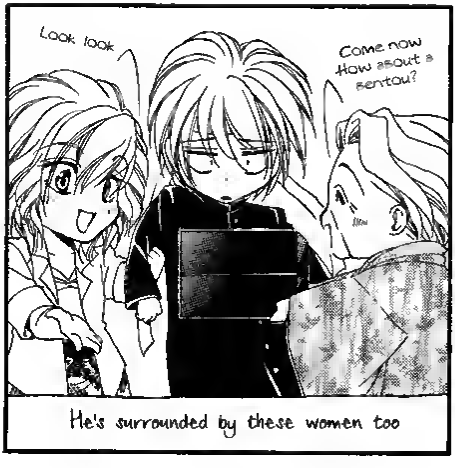

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"Sendou's diary" ~There Are a Lot of Suspicious Characters~ No.2

RIIIIOOOOSAAAAMAAAA! WHERE ARE YOUUUUU!
It's a suspicious character!
flustered
Who?
...
...ter... we wanted to go to Hakuou secretly
Doing this again in order to stealthily slip out of the mansion...
We're going out for a while

Continues in No.3

...OH?
stops
..WHAT COULD I BE DOING?
EVEN THOUGH THE SPORTS FEST IS ALREADY OVER, YOU KNOW.
..AND
...OH?
...WHAT COULD THIS BE...?
I SUPPOSE I DIDN'T HAVE THIS SORT OF CORNER UNTIL RECENTLY, BUT..
ISN'T THIS AS IF——

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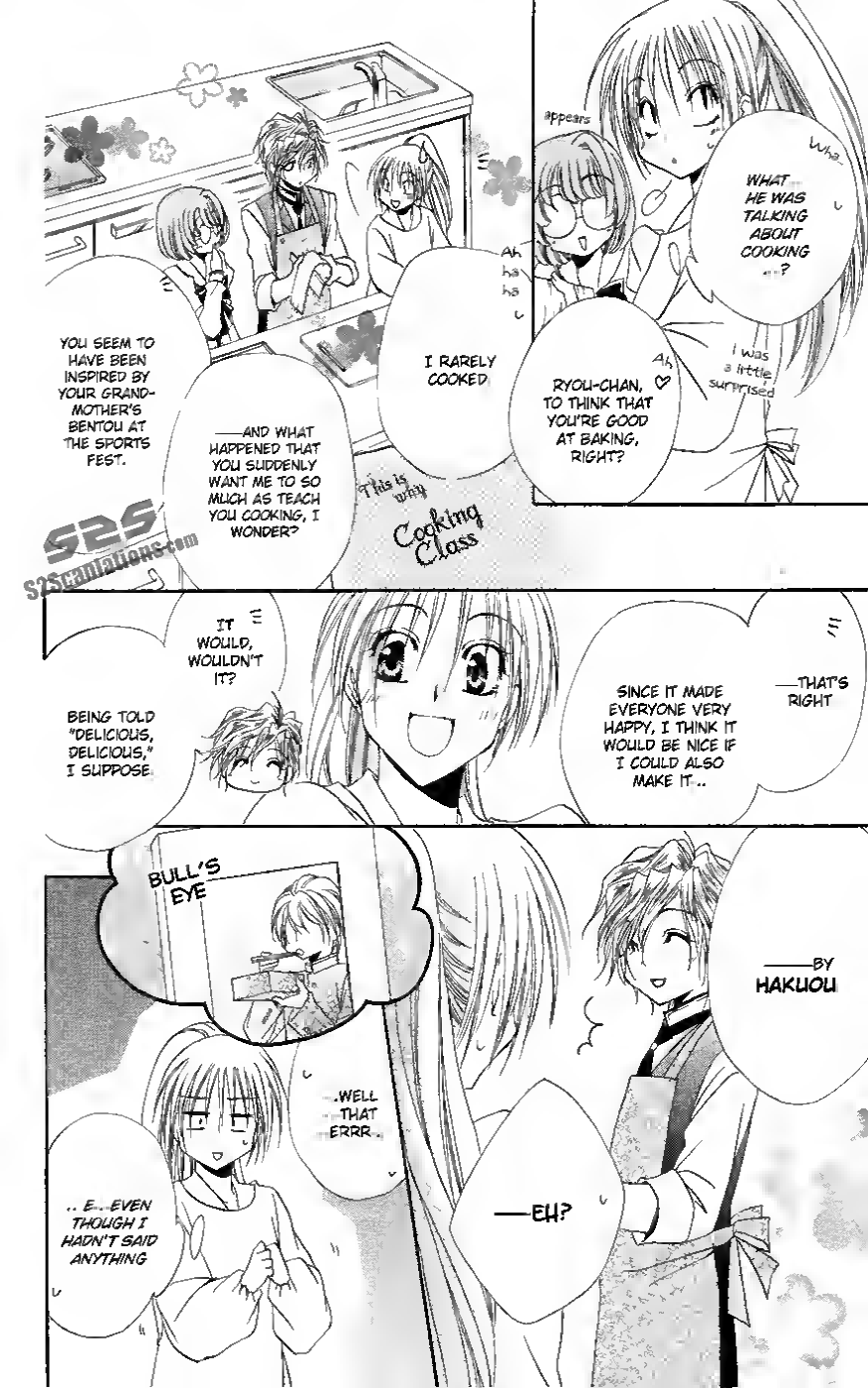
I WONDER IF IT'S THAT SORT OF THING?
IT'S STILL FAR FROM SWEET,* YOU KNOW.
...IF IT'S THAT MUCH,
*TN: IORI MEANT "SWEET" IN THE SENSE OF "PROFICIENT," BUT RYOU TOOK IT TO MEAN "DOTING."
HIMURA-SAN IS REALLY GENEROUS, I SUPPOSE.
THAT'S PLAIN PEELING, AND
shock
——HEH?
BEFORE THEN, THE THICKNESS IS UNEVEN.
THE WAY YOU'RE USING YOUR WRIST, YOU SEE,
ISN'T MAKING KATSURAMUKI* AT ALL
EH HEH HEH HEH
*TN: KATSURAMUKI IS SHAVING A VEGETABLE CYLINDER INTO A THIN SHEET


appears
Wha...
WHAT... HE WAS TALKING ABOUT COOKING...?
I was a little surprised
Ah, ♡
RYOU-CHAN, TO THINK THAT YOU'RE GOOD AT BAKING, RIGHT?
Ah ha ha
I RARELY COOKED
YOU SEEM TO HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY YOUR GRAND-MOTHER'S BENTOU AT THE SPORTS FEST.
——AND WHAT HAPPENED THAT YOU SUDDENLY WANT ME TO SO MUCH AS TEACH YOU COOKING, I WONDER?
This is why
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IT WOULD, WOULDN'T IT?
BEING TOLD "DELICIOUS, DELICIOUS," I SUPPOSE
——THAT'S RIGHT
SINCE IT MADE EVERYONE VERY HAPPY, I THINK IT WOULD BE NICE IF I COULD ALSO MAKE IT..
BULL'S EYE
——BY HAKUOU
..WELL THAT ERRR..
——EH?
.. E..EVEN THOUGH I HADN'T SAID ANYTHING

smile.
Oh, my ♡
AS EXPECTED OF IORI-SAN ♡
THAT'S RIGHT, I SUPPOSE YOU'RE AN EXPERT WITH THIRTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO HAKUOU, AREN'T YOU?
……
——YOU MEAN, WHY DO I KNOW?
I DARESAY, THAT'S BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING CONCERNING HAKUOU THAT I DON'T KNOW
YOU MORE THAN CONVEY HAKUOU'S CHARM TO MANY PEOPLE.
I'm as grateful as possible.
I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD SAY THAT.
EH…
I'M GRATEFUL THAT YOU ALWAYS OFFER NEWS FOR THE SPECIAL EDITIONS OF "BLACK SWALLOW ILLUSTRATED NEWS MAGAZINE." ♡
THE PICTURES AND GOODS THAT IORI-SAN OWNS ARE PRACTICALLY THE ENVY OF FANS ♡
Heeeh
I SUPPOSE YOU TAKE TIME FOR EVEN MINOR DETAILS!
That's not 5 centi-meters
HIMURA-SAN, THAT ASPARAGUS IS THREE CENTI-METERS, I'M SURE?
Oh, s
YE-YES
WAS IT AN OVER-SIGHT…?
WELL, THAT'S SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO ♡
I THINK THE FEATURE THIS TIME ON THE SPORTS FEST CAN SURELY MEET YOUR EXPECTATIONS, ALSO
THERE'S ALSO A HAKUOU CORNER IN IORI-SAN'S ROOM…
Senpai…
BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE QUITE DIFFERENT WITH A BIT OF WORK
BEYOND THAT, YOU'LL ALSO INCLUDE THE "BRACT," YOU SEE.
THAT'S INDEED TRUE.
HERE
"BRACT"*

TN: A BRACT IS A MODIFIED LEAF THAT ARISES FROM THE STEM AT THE POINT WHERE THE FLOWER OR FLOWER CLUSTER DEVELOPS. ALTHOUGH OFTEN GREEN AND INCONSPICUOUS, BRACTS MAY SOMETIMES BE LARGE AND BRIGHTLY COLORED, AS IN A POINSETTIA.

Ah Ryou chan, isn't that a bit different?
The purpose of the hat at work
Eh
ERRR, THESE LEAVES ARE ARUGULA, AREN'T THEY?
IF WE PUT THEM IN THE SALAD, IT WILL BE DELICIOUS, WON'T IT?
OH...OH YEAH! WITH THIS, HE'S A HAKUOU FAN, FOR SURE.
I ALSO HAVE TO FOLLOW THIS.
I SUPPOSE SO.
chumps
BECAUSE MY MASTER HAKUOU'S DIGNITY IS JUDGED BY MY EVERY ACTION, YOU SEE
MY RIGHTFUL DUTY AS A BUTLER IS TO CONSISTENTLY MAINTAIN A HIGH STANDARD OF SUBTLE, ELEGANT CARE.
Ooh
IS IT A KITCHEN GARDEN, BY SOME CHANCE!?
I WAS GROWING THOSE
——YES, FOR THE SAKE OF HAKUOU, WHO DISLIKES VEGETABLES, YOU SEE.
IN ORDER TO GET HIM TO EAT EVEN A LITTLE WITH A GOOD APPETITE,
Even others, such as mint and basil. And recently lemongrass too.
I'VE TAKEN TIME AND EFFORT FROM THE SELECTION OF THE CULTIVAR* TO THE CULTIVATION TECHNIQUES, AND GROWN THEM VERY CAREFULLY, I'M SURE?

TN: A CULTIVAR IS A PLANT VARIETY PRODUCED BY BREEDING.

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ALL ROADS LEAD TO HAKUOU.
I DON'T REACH EVEN YOUR FEET, TEACHER...
INCIDENTALLY, HAKUOU'S WEAKNESS IS THAT HE'S EASILY DECEIVED BY APPEARANCES
I REMEMBER WHEN HE WAS YOUNG, HE THOUGHT THAT A RADISH WAS A SMALL APPLE, FOR EXAMPLE.
YOU'RE WELL AWARE
.....
. CERTAINLY . IT WAS STILL FAR FROM SWEET
——SWEET?
pulls
. IS THAT SO?
I SUPPOSE IT'S JUST RIGHT.
——HA...
!

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Kyaa Kyaa
Hm?
YOU KNOW, I HEAR YOU'RE TAKING A COOKING CLASS HERE
—HAKUOU..!?
WHY ARE YOU HERE—?
Is
IS THAT SO?
leans in
BE-BECAUSE I'M STILL NOT PROFICIENT...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? MIND YOU, IT IS ALSO A BUTLER'S DUTY TO TASTE YOUR COOKING SO THAT YOU CAN IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS.
..HOWEVER, WHY DID YOU SAY NOTHING OF THIS TO ME?
Hmph
—I-I'LL DO MY BEST...!
YEAH,
BUT YOU'LL BE SURE TO BE CAREFUL SO THAT YOU DON'T HURT YOURSELF?
..UH-HUH
—BECAUSE SAMPLING YOUR FOOD
IS SOMETHING I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO, YOU KNOW.

I REALLY
STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.
!
IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO, THEN BY ALL MEANS, TELL ME.
BECAUSE YOU'RE MORE IMPORTANT THAN FOOD, YOU KNOW.
THE ONE BEING PLEASED,
THE ONE BEING LOOKED AFTER,
THE ONE WHO'S GLAD TO HAVE RECEIVED SOMETHING
IS ONLY ME, I SUPPOSE
OH MY♡ IT'S THE USUAL CHUMMINESS♡
...IS THAT SO?
...THERE ISN'T ANYTHING ..?
IT'S ALL RIGHT, HAKUOU.
BECAUSE JUST HAVING YOU WAITING IN ANTICIPATION IS ENOUGH.

——LOOK, HAKUOU DON'T GET IN THE WAY
WAIT QUIETLY OVER THERE.
steps in
push
push
WHAT! WATCHING BY HER SIDE SHOULD BE FINE——
Oh
BY THE WAY, TODAY'S MENU IS ALL SORTS OF VEGETABLES, I'M SURE?
YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SAMPLING THE FOOD, AREN'T YOU?
Seee
HIMURA-SAN IS DOING HER BEST TO MAKE IT, I'M SURE?
At least the flavor
ISN'T THERE SOMETHING SWEET...?
EH?
HUHU
I SUPPOSE IORI-SAN IS ALSO LONELY AFTER ALL,
IF THE TWO OF THEM ARE THAT CAUGHT UP WITH EACH OTHER.
YEAH
THANKS TO THAT, IT'S HARD TO FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO STEP IN.
——BUT
NOT YET FOR ME
BECAUSE THERE ARE SERVICES THAT ONLY I CAN DO
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THUD THUD THUD THUD
OH MY! ♡ AS USUAL, IORI-SAN IS DAZZLING. ♡
IT'S A DISASTER! PLEASE HELP US
——IORI!!
ARE YOU HERE? WE WERE LOOKING FOR YOU!
——DOUKE-SENPAI!
Hm?
..Eh?
THEY'LL PULL OUT THE TV FROM THE CLASS B DORM?
!

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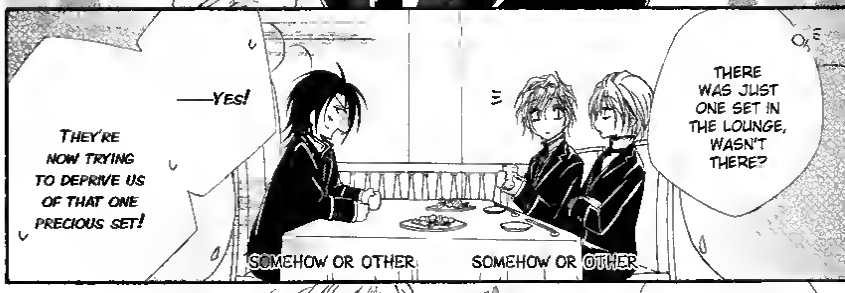
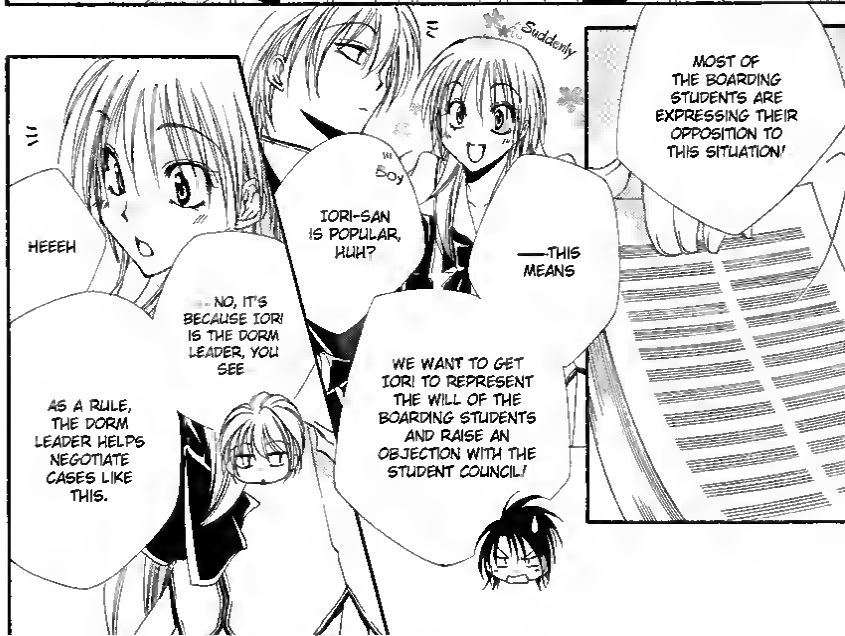

THERE WAS JUST ONE SET IN THE LOUNGE, WASN'T THERE?
SOMEHOW OR OTHER
SOMEHOW OR OTHER
——YES!
THEY'RE NOW TRYING TO DEPRIVE US OF THAT ONE PRECIOUS SET!


Suddenly
MOST OF THE BOARDING STUDENTS ARE EXPRESSING THEIR OPPOSITION TO THIS SITUATION!
——THIS MEANS
WE WANT TO GET IORI TO REPRESENT THE WILL OF THE BOARDING STUDENTS AND RAISE AN OBJECTION WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL!
IORI-SAN IS POPULAR, HUH?
HEEEH
—NO, IT'S BECAUSE IORI IS THE DORM LEADER, YOU SEE
AS A RULE, THE DORM LEADER HELPS NEGOTIATE CASES LIKE THIS.

Occasionally
he's black
Smile
Come. Try doing the Black Smile together with everyone!
Hayato..?
What are you doing?
It's revenge
...HEY
DORM LEADER~~~
...TV, HUH... IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME, THOUGH.
Crowds closer
...SEE, NOW. THE WILLINGNESS OF THE PERSON HIMSELF IS THAT SORT OF THING.
AND IT'S HAYATO WHO TAKES THE LEAD.
startled
NO...IT...
That
I WONDER IF THERE'S SOME REASON?
AT ANY RATE, THIS IS A SUDDEN CONVERSATION, YOU KNOW.
...ANIME...
glance
WAS IT AN OLD-TIME ANIME THAT'S BEING RERUN LATE AT NIGHT...?
IT'S A MAGNIFICENT PRODUCTION THAT PORTRAYED THE YOUTH WHO GAMBLE ON BASKETBALL!
IT SEEMS THAT'S GROWING IN POPULARITY NOW, YOU KNOW.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE AWARE OF THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, I SHOULD SAY WHAT A WASTE.
BECAUSE I'M THE DEFINITIVE EARLY-TO-BED-EARLY-TO-RISE TYPE.
...KEEPING REGULAR HOURS IS PROBABLY A REASONABLE POLICY IF YOU'RE A BUTLER, HOWEVER
2230 Going to bed
500 Getting up
530 Making bentou
And
I HEAR THE GUYS WHO'RE CRAZY ABOUT IT ARE SLIPPING OUT OF THEIR ROOMS AND GATHERING IN THE LOUNGE NIGHT AFTER NIGHT.
Sneak
Sneak
Oh,?
IORI-SAN DIDN'T KNOW?
...WELL, I'M SURE THAT'S BEING WATCHED CLOSELY, ISN'T IT?
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UH.....
...WELL, THERE'S NOTHING FOR IT, I SUPPOSE
IN VIEW OF MY POSITION, I CAN'T VERY WELL REFUSE.
Look, I'll go
Clatter
GLATTER
GLATTER
BECAUSE THE RULE IS THAT EVERY GRADE REPRESENTATIVE IS ALSO A WITNESS TO THE NEGOTIATION MEETING, YOU SEE.
I'M ALSO GOING
HAKUOU TOO?
...NEVERTHELESS, IF THE OTHER NEGOTIATOR WILL BE THAT GUY...
EH?
——OH MY ♡

sparkle
IF I FAIL TO GATHER DATA ON THIS AT ONCE ♡
.....
MOREOVER, THE MAIN ATTRACTION IS THE UNUSUAL COMBINATION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN AND THE BLACK SWALLOW HALL DORM LEADER.
IT'S THE GREAT CONFERENCE OF THE CENTURY DUE TO THE EXTRAVAGANT LINEUP, I SHOULD THINK ♡
Oh
OH YEAH...! WHAT HE MEANT
Ah
BY THE OTHER NEGOTI-ATOR——
GRAND CONFERENCE ROOM NO.3
——THEREFORE
BLACK SWALLOW HALL DORM LEADER
VS
AS IT STANDS, THERE ARE CONCERNS THAT IT WILL POSE A HINDRANCE TO STUDYING
BECAUSE IT BECOMES A MATTER OF TAKING AWAY A SOURCE OF NEW INFORMATION——
EVEN SO, YOU DON'T NEED TO GO THAT FAR, DO YOU?
IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE ACT ITSELF OF SLIPPING OUT OF THEIR ROOMS AFTER ROLL CALL——
STUDENT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. I THINK THE EFFECTIVENESS WILL BE TEMPORARY, THOUGH
IF YOU CONSIDER QUICK SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM, FOR SURE, PULLING IT OUT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURE.
SELF-CONTROL WON'T GROW IN A PLACE WITHOUT FREEDOM. ISN'T IT POSSIBLE IT WILL JUST BEGET A CYCLE OF REBELLION AND FURTHER SUPPRESSION?
IT WILL BE A WARNING THAT WILL PREVENT THE OCCURRENCE OF SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE
.....
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WHEN YOU STRIP AWAY EVEN THE POSSIBILITY, THOSE WHO WILL GROW ALSO WON'T GROW. BESIDES, A LITTLE MORE TIME
THAT'S WHY I THINK SENDOU-KUN IS TAKING EVERYTHING TOO FAR
JUST HOW LONG WILL THIS CONTINUE ...?
IT'S AAAALWAYS THIS WAY, ISN'T IT..?
Yeah.
SENPAI.. MORE THAN AN HOUR HAS PASSED, HASN'T IT...?
IF YOU SAY THAT, THEN I COULD ALSO SAY IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF SUPPLYING FETTERS CALLED REGULATIONS TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T LEARN SELF-CONTROL FROM THE FREEDOM THEY ONCE HAD
IT'S NO USE..
...REALLY, SINCE WE REMAIN AS FAR APART AS EVER, I DARESAY,
N...NOT AT ALL...
stealthily
stealthily
——HOW... HOW ABOUT IT?
CAN YOU SEE ANYTHING, RYOU-CHAN?

Smile.
SHALL WE MAKE THIS A MATTER TO GIVE UP ON WITH GOOD GRACE?
Well Hayato?
No Reaction !!
!?
HEY, IORI——
AFTER ALL, CONTINUING THIS DISCUSSION IS A WASTE OF TIME AND EFFORT, I ASSURE YOU.
. A WASTE .?
YOU SPEAK AS IF IT'S SOMEONE ELSE'S BUSINESS,
BUT IF A DORM LEADER IS EXERCISING FIRM SUPERVISION, PROBLEMS SHOULDN'T OCCUR IN THE FIRST PLACE.
INSTEAD, IT CAN BE SAID THAT THE DORM LEADER HIMSELF FOSTERED THE BOARDING STUDENTS' SELF-INDULGENCE.
clatter
——WAIT A MINUTE.
WHEN IT COMES TO ATTITUDE IN LIFE, IORI IS A MODEL AMONG MODELS.
AND THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T NOTICE
RATHER, THESE GUYS' HIDING AND SNEAKING AROUND WOULD BE PROOF HE WAS ALWAYS EXERCISING FIRM SUPERVISION.
. IT IS, I SUPPOSE IT'S DREADFUL IF WE'RE DISCOVERED BY THE DORM LEADER, YOU KNOW.
...WELL, I GUESS SO.
We were discovered though.

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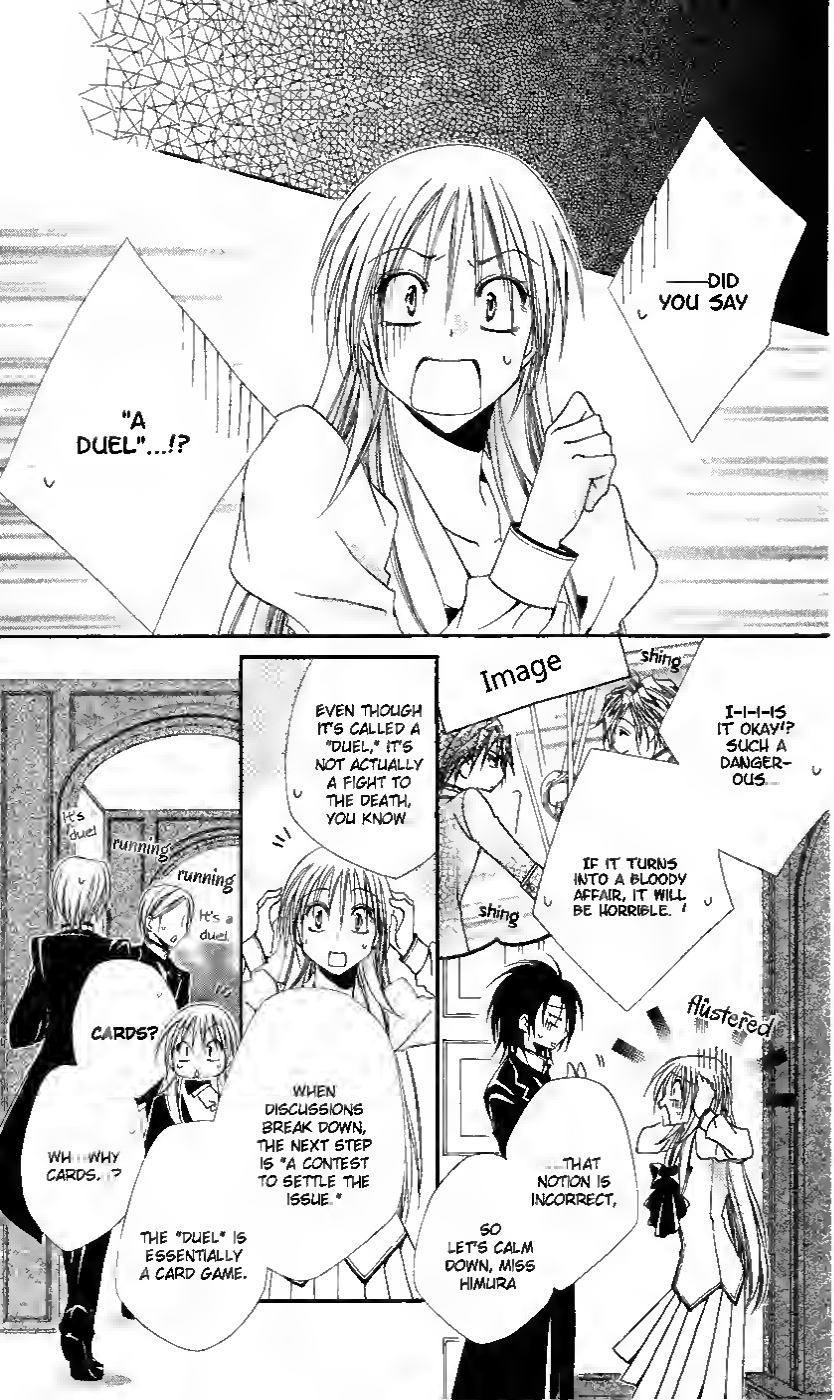
DON'T CRITICIZE HIM ARBITRARILY, SENDOU
clatter
...HAH?
KANZAWA—— IT'S SOMETHING THAT CAN BE SAID OF YOU TOO, TOGETHER WITH THE DORM LEADER.
Hheeey Sendou
NEVERTHELESS, THE REALITY IS, THERE WAS A CHANCE
IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU TO REFORM YOURSELF BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE,
THAT'S WHY PROBLEMS OCCUR
IF YOU HAVE SPARE TIME FOR SPOILING A MASTER,
I'M SAYING IT'S BECAUSE SO MANY MASTERS ARE UNCONVENTIONAL AND NOT SENSIBLE
THAT EVEN THE BUTLERS BECOME LAX. AT ANY RATE, IT WILL BECOME A MATTER THAT GETS A FINGER POINTED AT YOU
twitch
BECAUSE HOW A MASTER LEADS IS ALSO HOW HIS BUTLER SERVES.
——IS WHAT I MEAN.
...AREN'T YOU BLITHELY PASSING JUDGMENT ON MASTERS WHEN YOU SAY THAT—?

determinedly
——YOU SOMEHOW SPEAK THAT WAY NOW,
BEFORE SERIOUS TROUBLE HAPPENS, YOU KNOW
I AM JUST BEING HONEST AND DIRECT,
AND THERE IS NO MALICE IN MY WORDS
——EVEN IF IT IS THE TRUTH...
THAT...? THE CONVERSATION IS GOING IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION...?
EVEN I HAVE ONLY HEARD YOU DISPARAGING HAKUOU..
...YOUR SPEECH IS INEXCUSABLE, I BELIEVE...
clatter
IT'S EXTREEEEMELY UNPLEASANT, YOU KNOW...
IORI...?
——TH-THIS IS BAD...
EH?
TO BEGIN WITH, WE'RE THE ONES AT FAULT,
See
AND THAT'S WHY WE'LL ACCEPT ANYTHING, EVEN PUNISHMENT, AND ABIDE BY THE RULES, AND——
——WAIT, WAIT.
CALM DOWN, IORI..

shove
IF I CONTAIN MY ANGER FROM THIS SORT OF THING?
……
——NEGOTIATION BREAKDOWN.
SHALL WE HAVE A "DUEL,"
SENDOU-KUN?
……
……


——DID YOU SAY
"A DUEL"...!?
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shing
I-I-I-IS IT OKAY!? SUCH A DANGER-OUS...
IF IT TURNS INTO A BLOODY AFFAIR, IT WILL BE HORRIBLE.
shing
flustered
EVEN THOUGH IT'S CALLED A "DUEL," IT'S NOT ACTUALLY A FIGHT TO THE DEATH, YOU KNOW.
It's a duel
running
running
It's a duel
CARDS?
WH...WHY CARDS...!?
WHEN DISCUSSIONS BREAK DOWN, THE NEXT STEP IS "A CONTEST TO SETTLE THE ISSUE."
THE "DUEL" IS ESSENTIALLY A CARD GAME.
...THAT NOTION IS INCORRECT,
SO LET'S CALM DOWN, MISS HIMURA

IT'S PROBABLY JUST A DISTORTED INTERPRETATION
THE ONLY ESTABLISHED REASON IS... "BECAUSE IT'S THAT SORT OF TRADITION."
IT STEMS FROM THE DAYS WHEN FELLOW BUTLERS WHO HAVE MASTERS DIVERTED THEMSELVES WITH CARDS DURING MEETINGS.
——SOMETHING LIKE THAT OR MAYBE NOT...?
"TRADITION," IS IT..?
THE PEOPLE OF CLASS B ARE FOND OF THAT, I SUPPOSE..
..HAKUOU...?
——HM?
YEAH, THEY ARE, YOU KNOW..
——THIS IS WHY A NEUTRAL OBSERVER IS NECESSARY FOR THE GAME, THOUGH.
.....
...OH...?
.....

ME? WHAT FOR...?
ACCEPTING
NO REFUSAL.
IS THERE ANY INCONVENIENCE?
Hm?
BECAUSE YOU HAPPENED TO BE THERE.
IF POSSIBLE, I WANT TO MOVE ON TO THE MATCH IMMEDIATELY.
OH
steps in
IS IT ALL RIGHT WITH HIMURA-SAN?
HEEEH?
NO...
Isn't Sen-kun somehow cute!?
EH...?
——AND THEN HAKUOU
——I'LL DEFINITELY WIN
FOR HAKUOU'S SAKE.

Haaaah
!!!
THAT GUY IORI... HAS LOST HIS TEMPER BIG TIME, I DARESAY...
WILL THIS MATCH END WITHOUT ANY INCIDENTS?
...EH...?
.....
.....
.....
...IF IT TURNS OUT THAT WAY.
EVEN IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, WHETHER I'LL ALSO BE ABLE TO STOP IT OR NOT...
.....
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE WORRIED ABOUT, I'M SURE.
RIGHT?
——IT.. IT WILL BE FINE, I'M SURE.
AND AS AN OBSERVER, I'LL ALSO WATCH CLOSELY.
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Look
LET'S GO TOO. LET'S GO.
.....
...THAT'S RIGHT, YOU KNOW.
0
——WHY IS THAT?
EVEN IF YOU LET US SEE JUST A LITTLE
IS EVEN COVERING THE EVENT HOPELESS, I WONDER...?
EEEH
I'M SORRY.
OTHER THAN CLASS B STUDENTS, THE ONLY ONE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ASSEMBLY HALL IS HIMURA-SAMA, SO..
——WELL
WELL THEN, FROM HERE,
I AM AN OBSERVER
WE WILL CONDUCT A DIRECT SHOW-DOWN BETWEEN THE DORM LEADER AND THE STUDENT COUNCIL CHAIR-MAN.

THE GAME IS POKER
VICTORY GOES TO THE PLAYER HOLDING MORE CHIPS AT THE END OF THE GAME.
I SUPPOSE IT'S SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO, SENDOU.
THE WINNER WILL BE ME, THOUGH.
I WON'T KNOW IF I DON'T TRY.
ばしゃあ
...!
UWAWAH
LET ME SEE . FIRST IS TO CUT THE CARDS. THEN..
I AM AN OBSERVER
shuffle
shuffle

HOW DISAPPOINTING...
——I... I BEG YOUR PARDON...
glance
I-I'M SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU, IORI-SAN
I'LL PICK UP THE ONES HERE.
quickly
—HIMURA
I'LL CHANGE PLACES WITH YOU.
UH ..UH-HUH
ACTUALLY, I'VE NEVER PLAYED POKER EITHER..
..OPENING A PACK OF NEW CARDS AGAIN..?
rip
I AM AN OBSERVER
THIS IS ALSO "TRADI-TION,"
THOUGH IT SEEMS IT WAS ORIGINALLY A RULE THAT WAS MADE TO PREVENT CHEATING, YOU KNOW.
Formally, I should be.

TWO PAIRS
ONE PAIR
STRAIGHT
FLUSH
. . HOWEVER, THEY'RE TWO GUYS WHOSE FACES ARE HARD TO READ, YOU KNOW
. . . . .
GLANCE
UH. . .UH-HUH. . .
. . WE WILL TAKE A BREAK
WE'LL RESUME AFTER 15 MINUTES.

HAAAH
IT'S QUITE A BREATH-TAKING BATTLE...
BOTH THE DORM LEADER AND THE STUDENT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ARE PLAYING CALMLY, AS MAY BE EXPECTED, I SHOULD SAY...
I AM AN OBSERVER.
I...
I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS HAPPENING AT ALL.
——BUT
—IORI,
...HAKUOU?
WAIT A MOMENT.
!

COME WITH ME.
.....
...I WANT TO TALK TO YOU.
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HAND MIRROR
OTHER CARDS
.....
INCIDENTALLY, I'M SURE THAT'S NOT THE ONLY ONE?
...AS INSURANCE IN ORDER TO ENSURE VICTORY, YOU SEE.
...YOU PROBABLY ACQUIRED IT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SWITCHING IT WHEN HIMURA DROPPED THEM.
...HAKUOU NOTICED, AFTER ALL?

IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE AGAINST THE RULES THOUGH?
...YOU...
...YEAH,
THE TECHNIQUES YOU USED ARE ALL IN THE GRAY ZONE, YOU KNOW.
—HOWEVER,
.....
...THIS ONE IS PITCH BLACK.
plucks
...WHEN THE OCCASION DEMANDS IT, IT'S THE NATURAL CHOICE, I ASSURE YOU.
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, IT INVOLVES HAKUOU'S HONOR,
SO DEFEAT, EVEN BY SOME UNLIKELY EVENT, WON'T BE PERMITTED.

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...I'M AWARE OF YOUR FEELINGS.
!
YOU SAY YOU'RE PREPARED TO RESORT TO TRICKS LIKE THAT
DON'T SOIL YOUR OWN HANDS THAT WAY...
BUT..
NEVER-THELESS, YOU——
——DON'T THINK SUCH THINGS AS IT'S ALL RIGHT TO DISGRACE THEM...
...I DON'T WANT THAT...
!
THAT SORT OF THING..

IORI-SAAAN
——AH
YOU'RE HERE, YOU'RE HERE.
HIMURA..
HAKUOU TOO?
...OH
YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO ME, I SUPPOSE?
——YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SAY TO IORI-SAN.
——YOU WERE AMAZING, IORI-SAN!
I WAS TOLD.

—EHHHH?
I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND, BUT THEY SAID IT'S A HOTLY CONTESTED GAME WHERE YOU'RE DOING YOUR UTMOST FOR HAKUOU'S SAKE!
PLEASE DO YOUR BEST IN THE SECOND HALF AS WELL!
Looking around
AS AN OBSERVER, I'M ALSO CHEERING ON SENDOU-KUN, BUT
IT'S FINE IF I SAY IT IN A WHISPER, RIGHT?
——WELL, YOU SEE, HAKUOU
EH?
I WAS WATCHING VEEEERY CLOSELY, BUT
Firmly
IT'S IORI-SAN
——I'M NOT WORRIED. IT'LL BE FINE.
——WELL THEN, I'M HEADING BACK FIRST, OKAY?
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SEE YOU AGAIN LATER——
. . .
. . .HIMURA-SAN
. . .
Himura knows about
SEEMS TO KNOW AND YET
DOESN'T KNOW AT ALL, I DARESAY...
REALITY IS GRAY
I CAN DYE IT BLACK AS MUCH AS I LIKE

... BUT FOR SOME REASON, YOU KNOW,
I ALSO LOST SUCH AN INCLINATION BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW
... SHE'S A CONSIDERABLE TRUMP CARD, ISN'T SHE?
HAKUOU'S CHOSEN MASTER.
——I WON'T DO IT.
I SWEAR TO YOU, HAKUOU.
TEAR
TEAR
TEAR
——IORI...

!!!
STRAIGHT FLUSH
——FROM NOW ON, I WILL REPAINT REALITY "WHITE"
...WELL THEN,
THIS IS THE LAST CARD, ISN'T IT?
slowly
SHALL I SHOW YOU AND OBTAIN VICTORY?

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ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH
...LOOK
——TH-THE VICTORY GOES TO THE BOARDING STUDENTS' SIDE!
HE DID IT!
——THAT WAS CONSIDERABLE SKILL.
BUT SENDOU-KUN MIGHT NOT BE CUT OUT FOR CARDS, YOU KNOW.
BECAUSE YOU'RE ABOVE-BOARD AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD,
HONEST TO THE POINT OF BEING TOO HONEST.

DORM LEADER!
YOU'VE BEEN GOOD AT CARDS FOR A LONG TIME, I SHOULD SAY!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
..DON'T BE TOO HARD ON ME.
..I BEGAN TO STUDY.
PLEASE PLAY AGAINST ME AGAIN SOMETIME
PINCH
YOU SUCCESSFULLY COMBINE CUNNING WITH DISGUSTING GOOD LUCK WHEN IT INVOLVES GAMBLING
I WONDER IF YOU'LL ADMIT IT'S INTELLECTUAL PLAY?
It's psychological warfare and a question of probability, I assure you
IORI-SAN SURE IS AMAZING, ISN'T HE?
HE REALLY CAN DO ANYTHING IF IT'S FOR HAKUOU'S SAKE, I SUPPOSE
Ow-w-w-w
HAKUOU——
HM?

EH..?
—THAT'S HOW MUCH IORI-SAN VALUES HAKUOU, ISN'T IT?
AFTER ALL, HE REALLY GOT TOTAL VICTORY!
..WELL..
...THAT MIGHT BE THE CASE, I SUPPOSE.
whisper
...THAT AND, YOU KNOW, IT WAS COMPLETELY CONVEYED? HAKUOU'S TOO
...YOU SAY, MINE... WHAT'S WITH THAT...?
BECAUSE, YOU SEE,
—HAKUOU ALSO VALUES IORI-SAN A GREAT DEAL. THAT'S WHAT I MEAN.
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THAT SORT OF THING IS SOMEWHAT NICE, I SHOULD THINK
Ash
glance
HOW ENVIABLE.
...I SUPPOSE SO.
...WELL
...IS THAT SO..?
EH?
——BUT
...YEAH
IF IT'S FOR THAT,
I'LL LEND YOU MY POWER
FOR HIMURA-SAN, SINCE THERE ARE THINGS THAT ONLY SHE CAN DO,

I CAN'T DO IT LIKE IORI-SAN, BUT
AS MANY TIMES AS YOU LIKE,
IF THIS HAND IS ACCEPT-ABLE.
!!
DOES THIS MEAN ANOTHER CRASH COURSE IN COOKING TOMORROW?
——YES! TEACHER!
I DON'T RECALL MAKING YOU MY DISCIPLE, THOUGH.
THEN JUST IN MY MIND!
YOU'LL LOOK FORWARD TO IT, WON'T YOU? RIGHT, HAKUOU?
BECAUSE HIMURA-SAN IS SET ON HAVING ME TEACH HER TO COOK VEGETABLES
...HEY!
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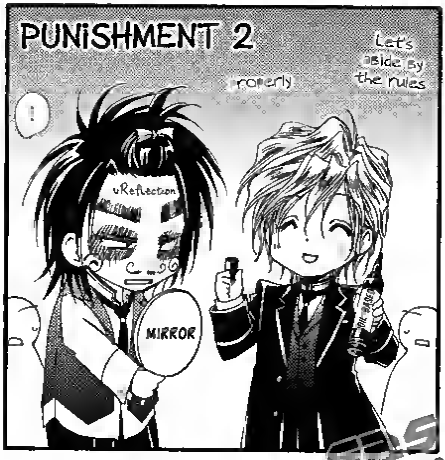
——SOMEDAY
IT'S SOMETHING I'M ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO
HAYATO IS ANTICIPATING HIS PUNISHMENT MENU FOR WALKING AROUND AT NIGHT, YOU KNOW. RIGHT?
.....
I WILL, TOO.

IN THE END, THE TV WAS TAKEN AWAY...?
FOR HAKUOU'S SAKE
.....
...YOU SEE, SOME GUYS WERE PLAYING BASKETBALL AND COPYING THE ANIME. BUT THEIR BALL
SMASHED
MADE A DIRECT HIT ON IORI'S KITCHEN GARDEN...
——EH?
Whisper
...YOU, DON'T BECOME THAT WAY.
——ABSO-LUTELY
...UH...
——UH-HUH...



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Butler-sama's Favorite

Chapter 28

—YEAH, I REMEMBER
—LOOK
IT WILL BE VERY SOON, I TELL YOU, RYOU-CHAN
WHEN IT'S TWO PEOPLE, IT'S BY HALVES.
WHEN WE GET THERE, HOW DID I SAY WE'D EAT IT,
RIGHT.
WHEN IT'S THREE PEOPLE, IT'S BY THREE PIECES
THIS MANJUU*?

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T/N: Manjuu is a steamed bun usually made from flour, rice powder, and buckwheat, with a sweet fillins such as red bean paste.

End

—BUT
WHY
IN THE BEGINNING, DAD AND MOM MADE A PROMISE TOGETHER, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT.
DID DAD AND MOM THINK OF BEING TOGETHER?
THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS GOING TO BE TOGETHER
AND DO IT THIS WAY
THAT, NOW—

. . . A DREAM...
. . . . . .
. . . . . .
. . . HOW NOSTALGIC SOMETHING LIKE A PICNIC .
. . . . . .
. . . OH, YES...
Flopping down
—THAT'S RIGHT...
Eh
ERRRRR... IT...
. . . . . .
. . . . . .
. . . . . .

...EH?
Oh
THERE'S JUST SOMETHING I WANT TO GO BUY, YOU SEE...
THEN... IT...BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO SO MUCH TROUBLE—
—CAN'T WE GO OUT TOGETHER?
I THINK WE COULD HAVE A BENTOU OUTSIDE—
.....
...A BENTOU
...BY SOME CHANCE, DO YOU MEAN...
—YE-YES!
ONE THAT I'LL MAKE
.....
Ah
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT, I'M SURE? IT WON'T BE STUFFED WITH VEGETABLES.
AND I'VE ALSO GOTTEN PROPER SPECIAL TRAINING FOR THE FLAVORS—
—I'LL GO.

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—IT'S TOMORROW, RIGHT?
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
…!
lights up
—YEAH..
—WHEN YOU SAY, "TOMORROW," WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, I WONDER?
IT'S NOTHING
Ho
WHAT, WHAT? IT SOUNDS INTERESTING, YOU KNOW. WE TOO—
……
…YOU'RE SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT WHILE BREAKING INTO A SMILE, YOU KNOW.
…VIGOROUSLY, I MUST SAY.

Oh, she's been like that since yesterday!
Well Himura-san seems cheerful for this early in the morning, doesn't she?
THE CHOPSTICKS WILL BE THESE. THE FORKS AND SPOONS, THESE.
Um?
WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, I HAVE TO CONSIDER CLOTHES TOO..?
Ah
WHICH BAG WOULD BE GOOD?
BUT HOW SHOULD I CHOOSE, I WONDER?
Oh
It is right?♡
quickly
LET'S DO OUR ABSOLUTE BEST, RYOU-CHAN ♡
EH?
I SUPPOSE SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD SUIT RYOU-CHAN, WOULDN'T IT? ♡
—IF IT'S THAT SORT OF THING,
hesitantly
..TH.. THEN EVEN MY HAIRDO AND SO ON..
HOW ABOUT THIS SORT OF THING, I WONDER..?
...EH?
It's written there you can do it yourself
glance
I THINK BOTH THE BENTOU AS WELL AS RYOU-CHAN'S FASHION STYLE
OUGHT TO APPEAL TO HAKUJU-SAN, YOU SEE ♡
giggle

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UH-UH! IT'S OKAY!
Th-
THEN LET'S GO!
HEY, HIMURA
.....
IT'S EARLY, ISN'T IT?
DID I KEEP YOU WAITING?
IS SOMETHING WRONG? EVEN YOUR HAIR—
—EH!?
ER, THIS, IT'S—
SFX Coming Loose
In a Hurry
AH...
AAAAH!
.....
!?

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THANKS, HAKUOU!
WELL...
Hm?
AAH...
...EH?
Oi.?
—I WAS THINKING,
SOMEHOW
...YOU'RE LOVELY.
"I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT."

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THIS WAY
IS ALSO ORDINARY WEAR.
Ah, it was blooming year round wasn't it?
Let's make a flower bloom on Hayato's head.
Flower Arrangement
IN THE MIDDLE OF MUSCLE TRAINING.
IT'S NOSTALGIC!
walking
SINCE IT WAS KIND OF YOU TO COME, SHALL WE GO MAKE A TOUR OF THE TOWN?
But it's full of frogs you know
...HEEH
YOU WERE LIVING IN THIS SORT OF PLACE, RIGHT?
YEAH, THAT SOUNDS INTERESTING, I SUPPOSE,
BECAUSE IT'S THE PLACE WHERE YOU HAD YOUR HOME.
I ALSO WANT TO LEARN EVERYTHING.
WELL THEN, FOR A START—
OVER THERE
THE SHOPPING DISTRICT WHERE I OFTEN WENT TO BUY THINGS.

LOOK, LOOK.
THE ONE YOU CAN SEE EASILY OVER THERE IS THE HAMBURGER SHOP I FREQUENTED.
THAT ONE..? THE ONE WITH THE GREEN SIGNBOARD—
OH!
I'VE MISSED THAT CD SHOP!
SAY, SAY, I WONDER IF WE CAN DROP IN FOR A WHILE?
EH?
WAIT A SECOND!
Hey!
Hey
WOOOW!
I DO, YOU KNOW.. AROUND THIS SECTION?
...DE..
"DEBUSHI" ..?
...IT'S "DEBUSSY."
I OFTEN LISTENED TO SAMPLES HERE, YOU SEE
DO YOU ALSO LISTEN TO SOMETHING, HAKUOU?

Siemi batake Elementary School
—AND
IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, I'D GO ALONG THIS ROAD.
AFTER SCHOOL, I OFTEN DROPPED BY THIS MALL.
—SEE, I'D PLAY IN THAT GAME CENTER.
HM?
E CENTER

...WELL, THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF THINGS, HUH?
HAKUOU, HAVE YOU ALSO GONE TO THIS TYPE OF PLACE?
...NO... I'VE NEVER GONE IN...
GEE!
I'm stopped with "it's dangerous" and "what" and the like.
—ALL RIGHT!
THEN, LET'S GO AND PLAY!
pull
pull
OKAY!
LOOK! IT'S FUN!
AH... YEAH...
.....
THERE ARE ALSO MUSIC GAMES LIKE QUIZZES,
HAKUOU
I WONDER WHAT'S GOOD?
RACING!? FIGHTING!?
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Token Money Changer
THEN, THAT GOES DOWN—
FIRST, YOU EXCHANGE MONEY FOR TOKENS OVER THERE.
—THAT IS?
YOU OPERATE IT USING THESE BUTTONS.
HERE, YOU DECIDE.
UFO CATCHER!
YOU'LL TRY PLAYING IT?
SFX Loses
LET ME SEE...
THEN...THAT FROG—
I SEE.
—HIMURA, WHICH IS NICE?
I'LL ABSOLUTELY CATCH ONE.
EH?
...I'LL DO IT ONE MORE TIME.
Uhmmm
Aaah
ALMOST
.....

mutter
IN SHORT, THIS
WOULD BE A MATTER OF MAKING SURE OF WHERE TO HOOK IT AND THE ALIGNMENT WITH THE TARGET YOU'VE SET YOUR SIGHTS ON .
mutter
It fell off
...UH
—THIS TIME, FOR SURE ..
...AGAIN ..?
BEING ABLE TO SEE
—ALL RIGHT!
HE'S LIKE A KID.
LOOK, SEE, I WAS ABLE TO CATCH IT.
THIS SORT OF EXPRESSION OF HAKUOU'S
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What! To think I got it after so much effort...
Pfft
Th-thanks...
—SOMEHOW
I'M SO HAPPY.
Aah
I LAUGHED TOO MUCH, MY THROAT'S DRY.
SHALL I PREPARE BLACK TEA AT LEAST?
Ah.
Eh?
THIS IS OUTSIDE...
Just By habit.
..What
—HERE
UH... UH-HUH I'M SURE YOU DID
clunk
pip
..WHAT I SAID WAS "SHALL I PROCURE," I TELL YOU..
whispering
YOUR SHARE
Psss hhhhhh
IT'S YOUR FEE FOR THE SHORT COURSE ON GAMES.
Eh
IS IT ALL RIGHT? THANKS.
SOMEHOW...
I MEAN, EITHER WAY, DOESN'T HE LOOK LIKE A CELEBRITY?
..HEY, HEY THAT GUY OVER THERE
I WONDER IF HE'S A MODEL?
Oh!
MAYBE HE'S SOMEONE IN SHOWBIZ. TRY CALLING OUT TO HIM?

grab
HE'S ALONE, ISN'T HE?
IT'S A CHANCE, A CHANCE—
pip
clunk
—EH?
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EH..
HIMURA?
IT'S..?
WHAT'S WRONG?
S-SORRY.
—IT'S FINE.

tightens
...I'M TROUBLED WHEN YOU GO SOME-WHERE WHILE I WASN'T WATCHING YOU.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LET GO.
!
...OH...?
WHAT COULD IT BE?
EH...?
...HM?
.....
—I'M HAPPY.

"TASTY VEGGIE JUICE"
INTENSELY HOT
Wasabi Veggie Juice
.....
S-SORRY...IT'S BECAUSE I PULLED YOUR SLEEVE...
that the wrong button.
I'LL GIVE YOU THIS ONE.
BUT...
...WOULD I MAKE YOU DRINK SOMETHING LIKE THIS..?
...IT'S FINE..
GROOOOWL
.....
—SO
SO IT WAS,
suddenly
IT WILL BE LUNCH-TIME SOON, RIGHT...
Oh, yes
UH, YEAH, IT WILL, YOU KNOW.
AND THERE'S ALSO THE BENTOU—
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—HIMURA, THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE DONE
Gulp.
IN THE FIRST PLACE, IT WAS MY INTENTION TO GET HIM TO EAT MY BENTOU TODAY..
Hinch
—PL-
PLEASE!
EAT UP!
Even though we aren't even seated..
...SO SUDDENLY?
AH!
...OH
IT'S A MATTER OF BUILDING CONFIDENCE, ISN'T IT?
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT
EH...

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IT WAS IORI-SAN WHO TAUGHT ME ALL OF HAKUOU'S FAVORITE DISHES.
THAT'S WHY THEY'VE ALL BEEN SQUEEZED IN.
flutter
I EVEN DREW UP A PLAN IN ORDER TO INCLUDE EVERYTHING.
Look
THANK GOODNESS!
...UH
Ah
BUT I WONDER IF I SQUEEZED IN TOO MUCH?
.....
Pfft
EH?
..OH.. WELL—
I'VE BEEN THINKING FOR A WHILE NOW THAT YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ENJOYING YOURSELF, YOU KNOW.

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—YES,
IT'S TRUE.
LOOK
YOU'RE PROBABLY HUNGRY.
...YUP.
—FOR ME TOO.
Aaah
—I'M STUFFED
—FOR A DESSERT AFTER OUR MEAL, YOU SEE.
Oh right
—BY THE WAY, HIMURA
HOW ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO BUY?
Well
AFTER THIS WILL BE JUST RIGHT

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How lively.
Waah!
UNCLE!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, HASN'T IT!
AFTER THAT, I HEARD YOU'D MOVED TO YOUR GRANDPARENTS' PLACE BY YOURSELF, BUT
Well
YOU LOOK SO CHEERFUL SO I'M SATISFIED.
CLATTER
—WHAT!? YOU SAID IT'S RYOU-CHAN!?
ALINTY! HELLO!
I'M FINE, I'M FINE UNCLE, TOO, YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED
NO...
THERE, NOW—
whack
whack
Oh my
ALINTY ALSO FEELS RELIEVED, I TELL YOU
BRINGING ALONG SUCH A FINE BOYFRIEND
Well really
—LISTEN, WHEN THAT SORT OF THING HAPPENED TO HER PARENTS BECAUSE OF THEIR SUDDEN ACCIDENT,
WE WERE WORRIED WHETHER RYOU-CHAN WOULD BE ALL RIGHT,
BECAUSE SHE AND HER PARENTS HAD A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP, YOU SEE.

!!
.....
I'M GLAD SHE LOOKS CHEERFUL
—REALLY
...AND THEN, YOU SEE...
EATING THE MANJUU FROM A LITTLE WHILE AGO ON THIS SUMMIT IS SPECIAL...
...HOW-EVER...
Well
...IT SEEMS TO BE QUITE A WALK, DOESN'T IT?
...I WONDER IF IT HAD BEEN THIS STEEP?
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SLIPS
—BUT
IT SHOULD BE JUST A LITTLE AFTER...
—WHOA, WHOA
WHOOPS ...
TOTTERS
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
—LOOK
THANKS
—LOOK
IT WILL BE VERY SOON, I TELL YOU.
tightens
!

...HIMURA?
EH?
OH
YOU SEE,
I WAS THINKING THAT IN THE PAST I WAS ALSO OFTEN LED BY THE HAND—
—OH
WE REACHED IT!
IT'S A NICE VIEW, ISN'T IT?
I ALSO WANTED TO SHOW THIS TO HAKUOU.
...HM?
OH
IT'S A PLEASANT SPOT, ISN'T IT?
LOOK, LOOK. THAT'S THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
OVER THERE IS THE CAT PLAZA WHERE I OFTEN PLAYED.
If it were Tori san I wonder if he'd faint?
Thanks for carrying the bag.

...WHAT KIND OF HOUSE WAS IT?
WELL, YOU SEE, IT'S TWO DOORS TO THE RIGHT OF THAT RED ROOF, BUT...
.....
UWA!
IT HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL
THEN, THAT ARE
YOU CAN SEE MY FORMER RESIDENCE.
IT WAS AN APARTMENT, SO IT WAS A BIT SMALL, I SUPPOSE.
HOWEVER,
THEY SAY THE ONE WHERE DAD AND MOM FIRST STARTED LIVING TOGETHER WAS MUCH SMALLER.
"ELOPING WAS DIFFICULT, AFTER ALL"
IS WHAT MY MOTHER USED TO SAY, YOU KNOW.
. OH, THAT'S RIGHT... YOUR PARENTS
YEAH
THE DAUGHTER AND HEIRESS OF THE HIMURA FAMILY AND THE BUTLER OF THAT HOUSE

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IT SEEMS THEIR MARRIAGE WAS OPPOSED,
AND IN THE BEGINNING WHEN THEY STARTED LIVING TOGETHER
THEY FACED ALL SORTS OF HARDSHIPS
—BUT
THE TWO OF THEM WERE ALWAYS SMILING.
THEY LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE ENJOYING SOMETHING,
OR PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY, "THEY DISCOVERED SOMETHING WONDERFUL"—
—I REMEMBER
—THIS MANJUU, TOO, YOU SEE,
IS THE HIMURA FAMILY'S ONE PLEASURE.
I'LL TEACH IT TO YOU, OKAY?
DAD AND MOM DISCOVERED IT TOGETHER,
"THE MOST DELICIOUS WAY IT CAN BE EATEN."

FIRST, YOU DIVIDE IT THIS WAY,
AND BEFORE EATING YOU CALL TO MIND
THE FACES OF THE PEOPLE WITH YOU, WHO LOOK LIKE THEY'RE EATING SOMETHING DELICIOUS
AFTER THAT, YOU EAT YOUR SHARE.
IF YOU DO IT THAT WAY—
—LOOK
THOUGH IT'S JUST A LITTLE, EVERYONE'S SHARE IS DELICIOUS!
IF YOU DO IT THAT WAY, SHOWING THAT EXPRESSION TO EACH OTHER
—IT INCLUDES THE THOUGHT
"IT'S THIS DELICIOUS
BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE WITH ME."

"THAT'S WHY"
"WE'RE GOING TO BE TOGETHER, YOU SEE"
"FROM NOW ON"..
WAS WHAT SHE'D SAY.
EVERY DAY
WAS LIVELY, YOU KNOW
.....
.....
..YOU WERE LONELY, WEREN'T YOU..?
.. EH.. ?
—BEING LEFT BY YOURSELF...

...
..IF...
I HAD BEEN BY YOUR SIDE THEN...
—I WONDER ..
IF I COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING...?
...!
...WHEN YOU CAN BE BY MY SIDE. .
YOU'RE...
.. DOING SOMETHING FOR ME, I'M SURE?
—RIGHT NOW.
EH...?

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—THAT'S WHY IT'S FUN,
REMEMBERING THINGS ABOUT DAD AND MOM
THAT'S WHY I CAN TALK THIS WAY.
I MEAN, THAT IS SOMEHOW EXTREMELY DELIGHTFUL.
—BEING ABLE TO THINK THIS WAY, YOU SEE,
"THAT TIME TOO"
"WE ENJOYED IT"
"THIS WAY, YOU KNOW"
THINKING THAT.

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—I SWEAR
...FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE BY YOUR SIDE

"IT'S BECAUSE"
"I HAD THOUGHT"
"EVEN THOUGH JUST THAT"
"THAT I WANT TO HOLD HANDS WITH HIM
LONGER, ALL THE TIME."
"SHOULD BE ENOUGH"
...BECAUSE I WILL TREASURE...
...THE TIME I CAN BE BY YOUR SIDE.
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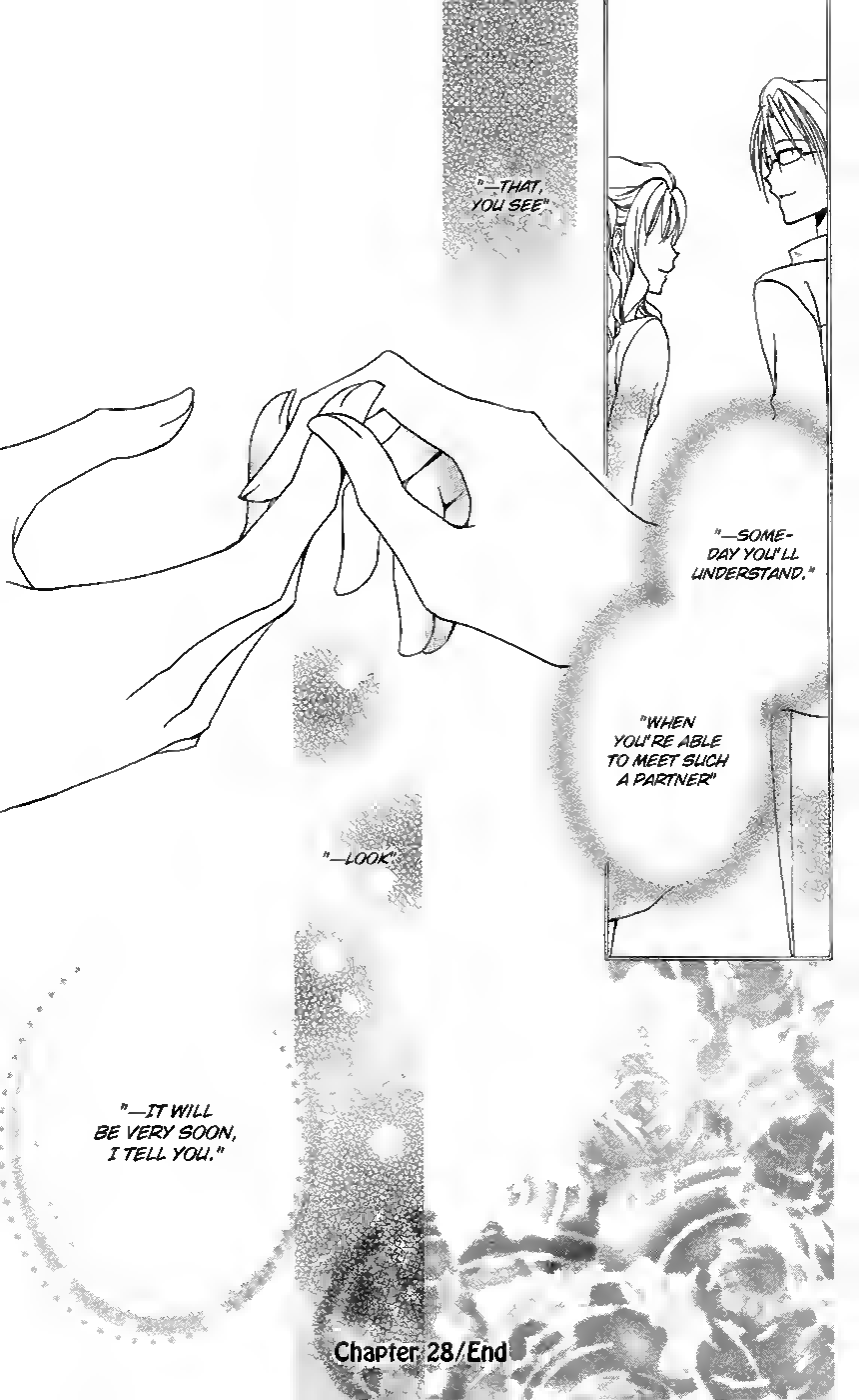

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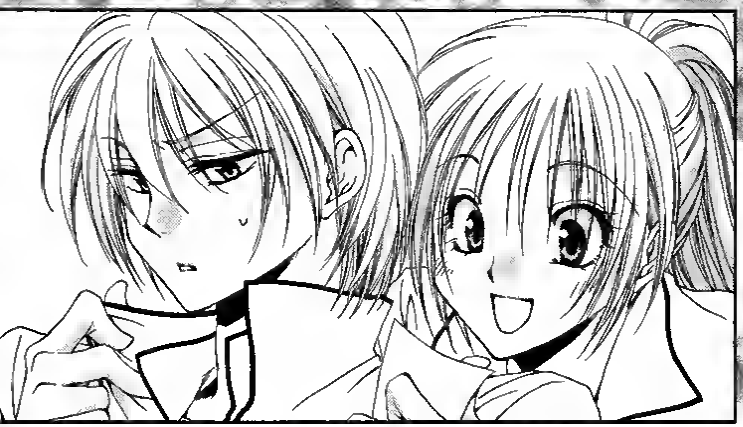
manjuu



↗ IT SEEMS HE WAS MADE TO WEAR THE CLASS L MEN'S PE UNIFORM (JERSEY) AGAIN

↑ THE CLASS L WOMEN'S PE UNIFORM (JERSEY)

↓ THE CLASS B MEN'S PE UNIFORM (JERSEY)

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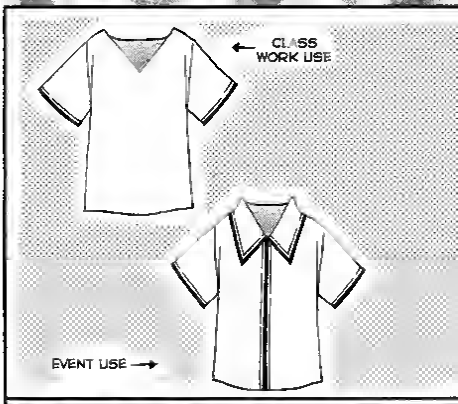
~ CLASS L & CLASS B PE UNIFORMS SECTION ~

Class L Subsection

WOMEN'S PE ATTIRE →

IT'S DIFFERENT FOR CLASS WORK AND EVENT USES. THE EVENT UNIFORM IS THE KIND USED IN THE ATHLETICS CLUBS' EXTRAMURAL COMPETITIONS AND EVEN REGULAR GAMES.

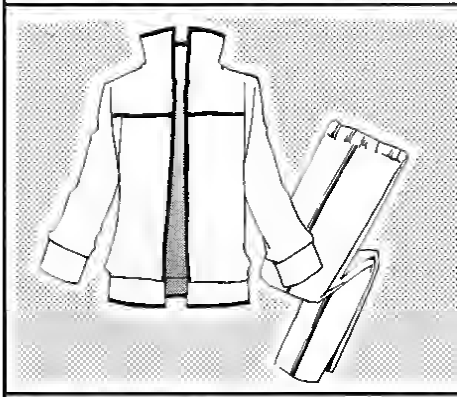
THE COLOR OF THE LINE IS THE SAME DARK BLUE AS THE UNIFORM'S.



JERSEY →

IT'S THE SAME DESIGN FOR MEN AND WOMEN. AT PRESENT, ONLY MEN ARE SEEN WEARING IT IN THE STORY BUT...

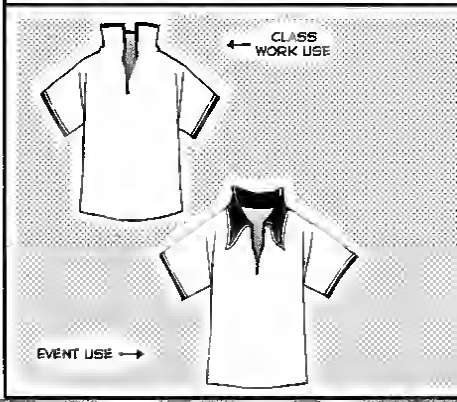
OF COURSE, THE COLOR OF THE LINE IS DARK BLUE.



MEN'S PE ATTIRE →

LIKE FOR THE WOMEN, THE DESIGNS FOR CLASS WORK AND EVENT USES ARE DIFFERENT. AS WITH THE UNIFORM, THE COLOR OF THE LINE IS DARK BLUE, AND THE COLLAR OF THE ONE FOR EVENT USE HAS BLACK AND WHITE LINES.

NEVERTHELESS, MEN SELDOM APPEAR IN IT EVEN UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES... I WONDER IF THERE WILL BE A CHANCE TO DRAW THE PE UNIFORM AFTER THIS...?



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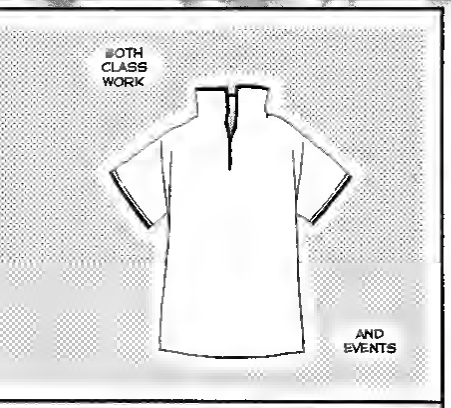

Class B Subsection

← PE ATTIRE

WHETHER FOR CLASS WORK OR EVENTS, CLASS B HAS THE SAME DESIGN. IT'S ENTIRELY THE SAME AS THE ONE CLASS L MEN WEAR FOR CLASS WORK.

← JERSEY

IT'S THE DESIGN OF THE CLASS L JERSEY BUT WITH BLACK AND WHITE INVERTED. HOWEVER, THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT THE PANTS DON'T HAVE A LINE.

THE COLOR IS BLACK, BECAUSE THEY'RE CLASS B.

← THE ILLUSIVE SWALLOW-TAILED JERSEY

IN CH.7, THERE'S A SCENE WHERE IORI AND HAYATO PLAY BASKETBALL. THIS IS SOMETHING I TRIED TO DRAW AFTER THE REMARK "SINCE THEY'RE CLASS B, WILL THEY STILL HAVE SWALLOW-TAILED JERSEYS?" CAME UP AT THE BUSINESS MEETING THEN.

BUT.
"...IT'S THE USUAL JERSEY, AFTER ALL" AND IT WASN'T USED.
I TRIED DRAWING IT FROM MEMORY.

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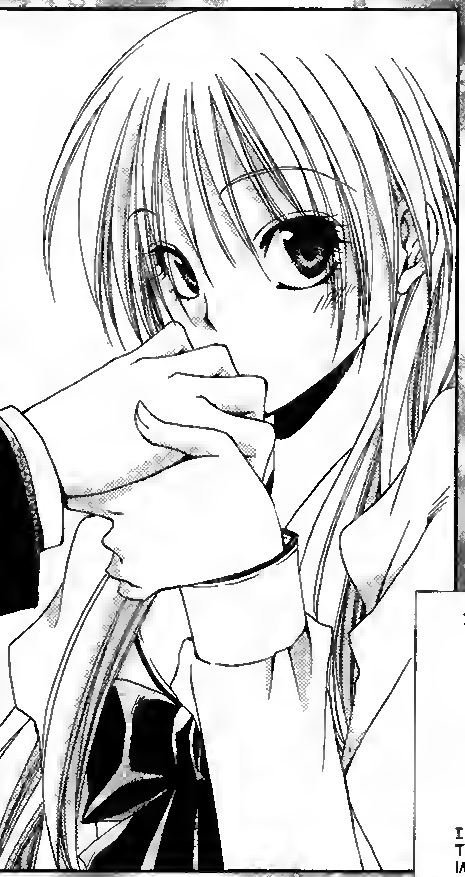
Afterword

EVEN THOUGH THE SEASONS CHANGE, VOL.7 WAS AS BUSY AS EVER, BUT I ALSO TRIED TO MAKE IT A BIT MELLOW. IF YOU WERE ABLE TO ENJOY IT, I'M BLESSED!



WELL THEN, SEE YOU IN VOL.8!

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

TO ALL THE READERS,
THE EDITOR IN CHARGE,
TSUYAMA-SAN, MY FAMILY
WHO SUPPORTS ME, ALL
WHO TOOK PART IN THIS
MANGA.
TO ALL WHO GAVE ME A
HAND.
THIS MANGA IS POSSIBLE
ONLY BECAUSE OF
EVERYONE! THANKS!

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